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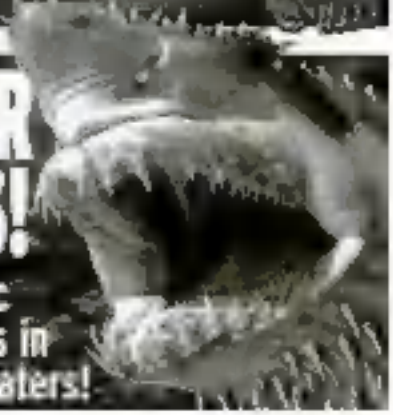


TIMES SQUARE HAS A BALL!

By PAUL KUPPERBERG

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Every year as the clock ticks toward midnight on December 31, a giant, glittering Waterford crystal ball of light descends from a flagpole to the roof of One Times Square. At midnight the ball touches bottom, and the crowd of almost one million people goes wild in celebration of the New Year!

This New York tradition dates to 1906 and has come to symbolize New Year's Eve to most of the world.

"But December 31 isn't New Year's Eve for *everyone*," New York-based calendarologist Frank Daley told *Weekly World News*. "Many cultures observe their own New Years on days other than December 31 — and with objects other than crystal balls.

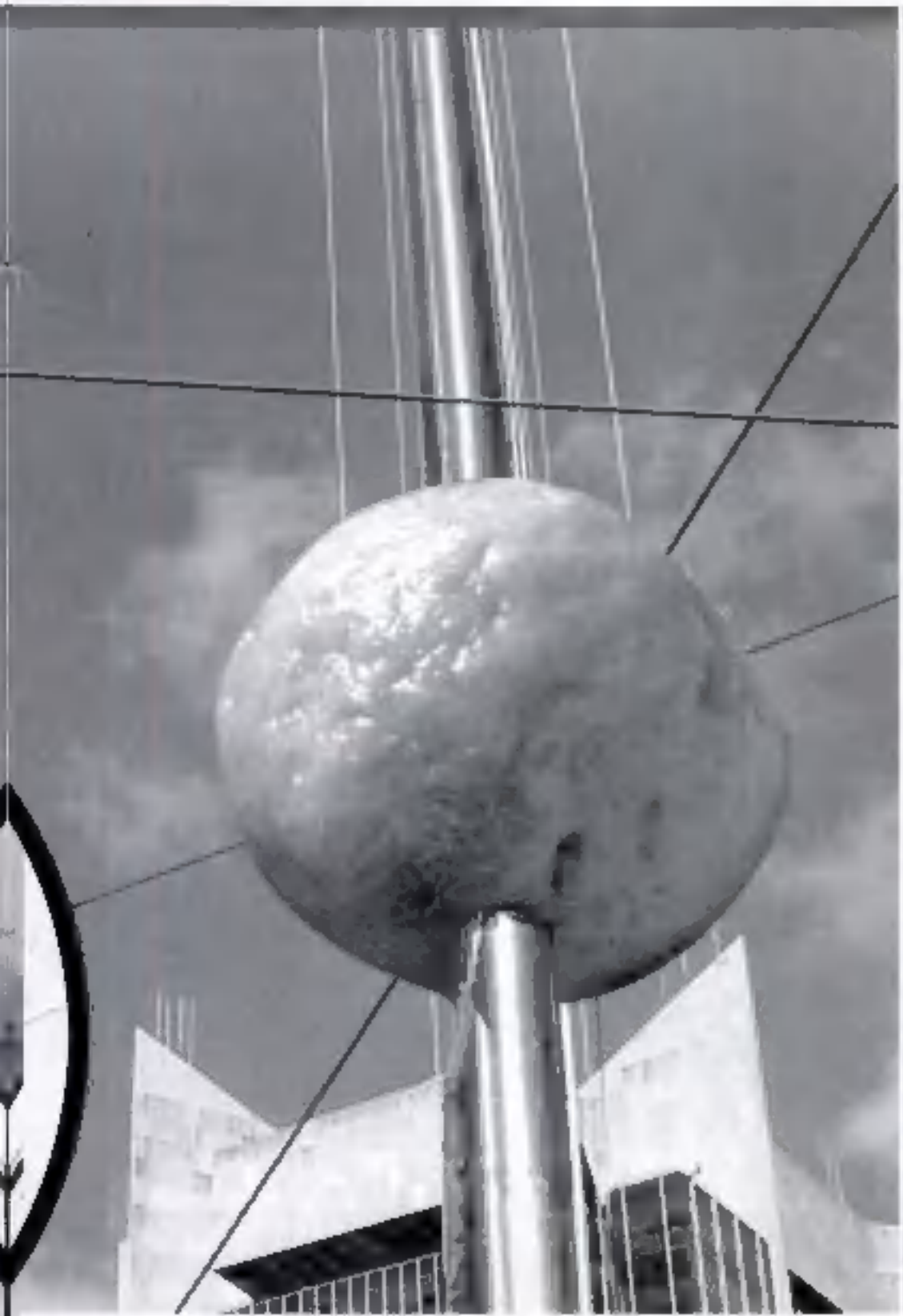
"For instance," Daly said, "on the Jewish New Year, or *Rosh Hashanah*, around mid- to late- September, people gather in Times Square to watch the dropping of a giant, illuminated matzoh ball.

"The Chinese follow a lunar calendar and celebrate their New Year in January or February, which they commemorate with the dropping of a giant dumpling. It's all quite festive. And delicious, since they eat it afterwards."

Other New York New Year ornaments include the Korean *ttok-kuk*, or rice cake soup bowl; *banh trang*, a Vietnamese delicacy which is dropped into a giant dish of dipping sauce, and the mid-April South Indian celebration in which the vendor's deep-fried doughnut, goes rotating down the spire.

However, a thorough examination of the holiday list showed that the March observance of the Assyrian New Year, *Rish Nissanu*, was missing from New York's calendar.

"Whoops," said Daly. "I guess we dropped the ball on that one. Or in this case, we *didn't*!"



DOG EARED

ATHENS, Ga. – Tired of the incessant barking of his neighbor's terrier, TV repairman Joe Tone decided to do something about it.

"I figgered dogs is no different than TV audio components," he said. "They got amps and they got woofers. All I had to do was find a way to adapt a remote to this hound."

Experimenting with various frequency modulators, Tone was finally able to intercept the wave and flatten it. Driving around town on his Harley, he discovered that it worked on every terrier he encountered.

Tone intends to create remotes that work on other dog breeds and sell them under the brand name Mutte.

– Lila Dubinsky

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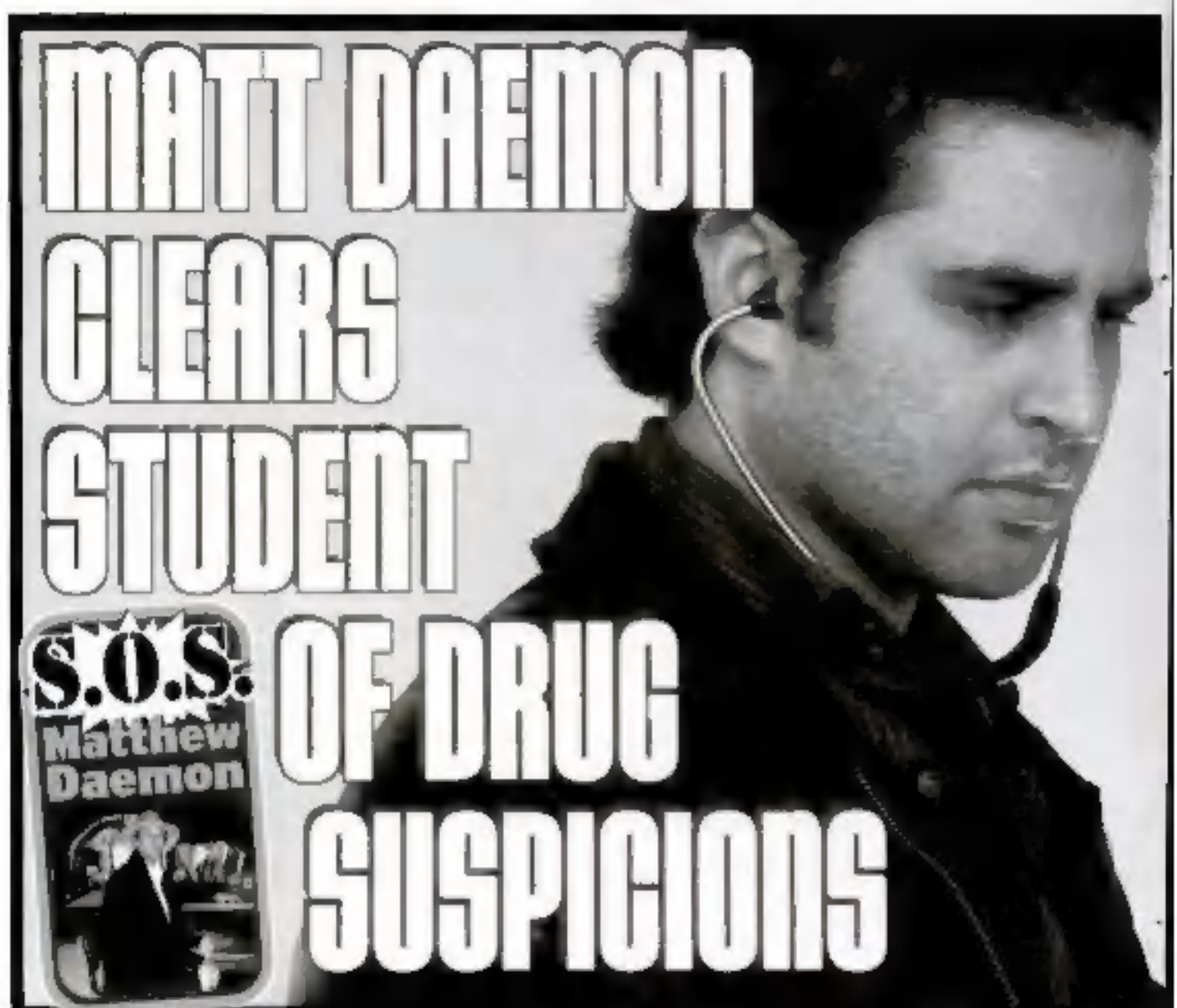
MATT DAEMON CLEARS STUDENT OF DRUG SUSPICIONS



By PAUL RIPPLEHEAD

PLASTINO POINT, N.Y.— "I knew I wasn't taking any drugs and I was *pretty* sure I wasn't crazy," said the Hayden College student who we are calling 'Jen-X' to protect her privacy. She was referring to the strange nocturnal visitors in her dorm room. "That left only one other explanation — something very, very weird was going on."

Jen-X told *Weekly World News* that these visitations started several weeks ago. "One night, I woke up and there they were — pink elephants just floating around my bed!

"I totally freaked and started screaming," Jen-X went on. "My roommate Stacie came running in and was all, like, 'What's wrong?' Because the pink elephants had disappeared, when I told her what I saw Stacie just looked at me all weirded out and asked if I were on drugs."

Jen-X wasn't on drugs, but the pink elephants kept coming back. Before long, word of her pachyderm sightings reaching the ears of visiting lecturer on Cryptozoology, Matthew Daemon, a.k.a. the Seeker of Obscure Supernaturals.

"I did some investigating," the seasoned investigator told *Weekly World News*. "She really is a good student. But she was besieged by other students asking her for hallucinogenic drugs. The campus police searched her dorm room and found nothing, all because of rumors which I suspected were entirely baseless."

Daemon immediately offered his services to the distraught Jen-X.

"She accepted," he said, "and I quickly gathered a [illegible], a flashlight, and a bag of peanuts and got down to business."

Daemon began a thorough search of Jen-X's room. "I listened for hollow [illegible] in her walls, sought concealed projectors or trapdoors in every nook and cranny. These lenses would have reflected the glare of my flashlight — but found nothing. That eliminated the idea of the elephants being some sort of holographic projection, which led me to believe they might be real."

To test his theory, Daemon

Discovers actual pink elephants in dorm room!

left a tempting pile of peanuts on the desk to see what the bait attracted.

"We shut the lights and hid behind the bed," he recalled. "Within minutes, a herd of little pink elephants came floating through the window and went right for the peanuts. Jen-X took some pictures and we were even able to bag a few — literally — we scooped them into a bag.

"Once we had the evidence in hand, the truth quickly came out," Daemon said. "The problem on campus isn't so much drugs. It's genetic engineers with weird senses of humor."

DESERT DESSERT

HURZALA, Gaza – While covering Middle East phenomena, *Weekly World News* discovered one of the most unusual confections on the planet.

"It's vanilla ice cream filled with spiced chickpeas and fava beans," said chef Bobby Skinner, who sampled the Hurzala specialty Falafel Ice Cream. "It's served in a cone made of sugar-coated toasted pita. The whole thing is really vile."

Locals disagreed.

"It's tasty and nutritious," said camel driver Judah Ben-Wylac. "Of course, I usually have a layer of sand in my mouth, so what do I know?" – *Lila Dubinsky*

THIS WEEK IN 1969 HISTORY

OVER BREWED

HELL'S KITCHEN, N.Y. – A witch's cauldron bubbled over and flooded the entire floor of her apartment complex with frog legs, leech eyes and newt tongues. Neighbors sued the woman because their home insurance did not cover "acts of odd."

"We had all these creepy creature parts floating around our living rooms and bedrooms," said the irate woman who lived directly across the hall. "Not only did we have to drain that witch's brew ourselves, but insurance wouldn't cover replacement of our soggy furniture! And believe me, it was all under water for quite a spell."

–*Dorian Wagner*

TYCOON SMELLS BLACK GOLD

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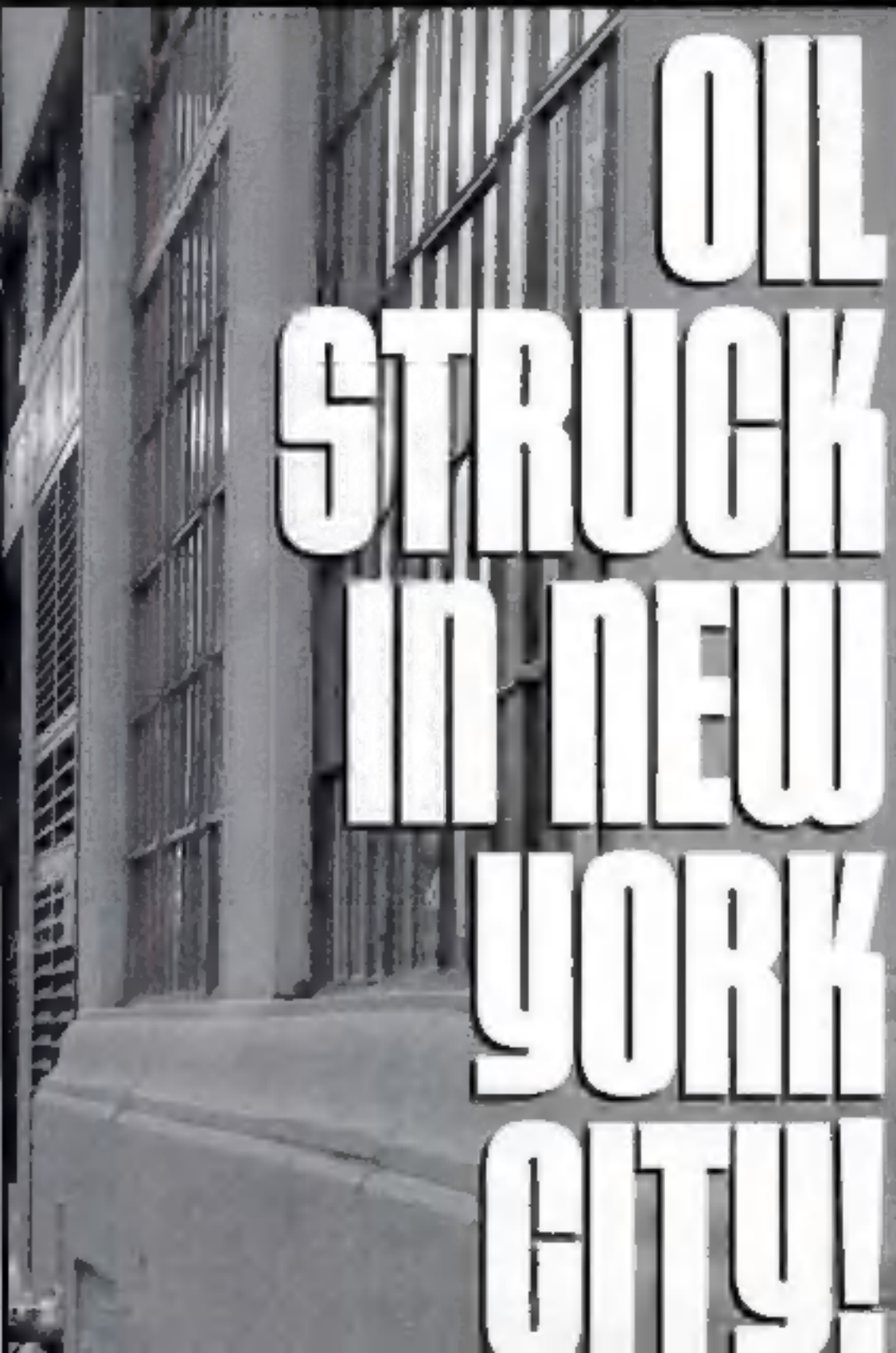

By JIM GRAND

NEW YORK, N.Y. — An oil magnate vacationing in the Big Apple caused quite a stir last week when he smelled something familiar.

"I had just left my hotel when the odor of black gold reached my nostrils," said 'Big' Tom Tuttle of Dallas, Texas. "Instead of going to dinner, I called the foreman of my New Jersey operation and had him send over a rig. I didn't want any of my rivals to get wind of my find."

Tuttle called in favors from City Hall, and within two hours his team had erected a mini-drill on Morton Street in the West Village.

Unfortunately, while the tycoon's nose hadn't deceived him, the operation was a bust.

"He struck oil all right," said hotel manager Fritz Oneida. "Ours."

After the citywide blackout of 2003, the hotel had installed a generator so that guests wouldn't be inconvenienced. What Tuttle smelled was the thousand gallon tank being filled.

"The tank will have to be replaced," Oneida added, "since his steel bit put a five-inch hole in the side."

Tuttle was unapologetic.

"Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose," he said. "In this case, it

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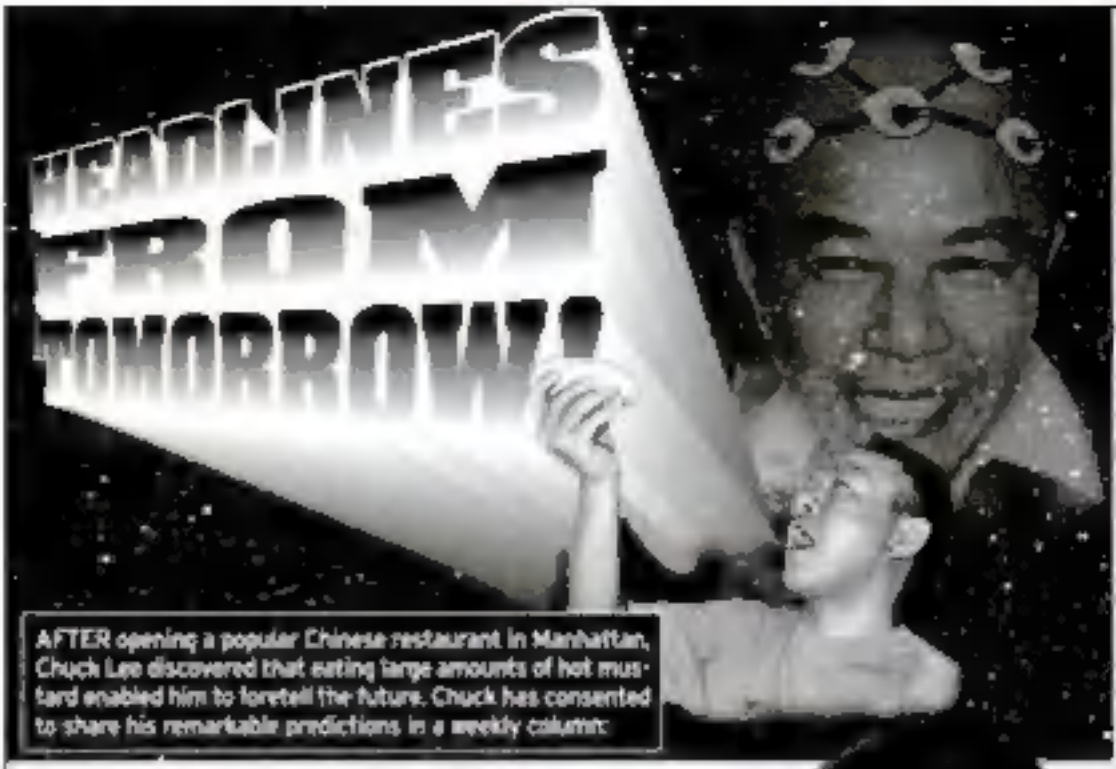


AFTER opening a popular Chinese restaurant in Manhattan, Chuck Lee discovered that eating large amounts of hot mustard enabled him to foretell the future. Chuck has consented to share his remarkable predictions in a weekly column:

2012
MIAMI, Fla.
Jewish chemists discover a compound called 'shofar diuretin.' Pharmacists use it as an over-the-counter drug to treat heartburn, which cures many 'acidic' Jews.

2013
SHANGHAI, China
The Chinese government creates a program that trains soldiers to capture sellers of pirated movies and music. This 'bootleg camp' teaches soldiers to identify real DVDs from pirated versions by

FASHION FORWARD

Fashion continues to be an important focus in the world of tomorrow, which is full of innovative clothing.

2007
SAN DIEGO, Calif.
Individuals who want to increase their height a few inches wear giraffe necks instead of turtle necks. The stiff fabric actually stretches the wearer's neck. This is perceived, by some as part of a conspiracy to increase the height — and cost — of necklifts.

2008
BOSTON, Mass.
To save luggage space for traveling, clothing now comes in a spray can. Coats of paint become a short-lived fad, however, when faulty nozzles cause people to make the sleeves too long.

2008
BOSTON, Mass.
The remaining spray cans of clothes are sold to pet stores when it's decided that dogs can always use fresh pants.

2009
CLEVELAND, Ohio
Since people will stare, fashion moves to first aid as drug stores start selling designer band-

forcing them to listen to the painful commentaries to be found only on the genuine articles.

2014
TOPEKA, Kan.
Due to the increasingly high divorce rate, the U.S. government adds term limits to the institution of marriage. Just as drivers licenses are renewed, marriage licenses must be renewed every three years. This process is called a 'three-nuptial' agreement.

2015
HARTFORD, Conn.
In an effort to attract spiritual men, devoutly Christian women wear a new religious-scented perfume. Called 'Myrrhmaid,' the scent of piety also repels atheists.

2017
CHICAGO, Ill.
Despite the proliferation of singles events, many nerdy people still have trouble getting dates. To solve this problem, coordinators hold gatherings in libraries. The 'Dewey Decimal' System creates a new generation of empowered bookworms.

2018
MANHATTAN, N.Y.
After years of being used to predict the future exclusively for *Weekly World News*, the value of

2016
FRANKFORT, Ky.
The proliferation of cable outlets causes a surge in absolutely awful TV shows and movies. They're so bad that viewing them causes people to wince involuntarily and their eyebrows to fall out. The programming is referred to as 'no brow' entertainment.

ages to make injuries look more attractive. Now people can [illegible] wounds.

2010
ATLANTA, Ga.
To save money on clothes, consumers begin to wear trench coats and 'only' trench coats. The necessity becomes a craze as many people wear the garments to make a 'flashin' statement.'

2011
LOS ANGELES, Calif.
On the 100th anniversary of the first silent comedy, classic films make a comeback. This resurgence of slapstick inspires people throw pies at each others' clothes to decorate them. The 'pie-dye' craze is short-lived, perceived as another conspiracy as people tick their garments clean, quickly outgrow them, and have to buy new

hot mustard for precognition becomes public knowledge. Because too many people abuse the technique for selfish ends, hot mustard becomes a prescription condiment only made available to

TECH NEWS

2021
TEL AVIV, Israel
[illegible] stitute of Videography design a monitor with five times more resolution than other TVs. Called 'ch[illegible] definition,' these screens actually [illegible] from heaven.

2022
HOUSTON, Texas
Scientists build a new modem which enables online [illegible] nates [illegible]. The 'outernet' quickly gives way to the Blackholeberry.

2023
HOUSTON, Texas
Everything old is new again. The 'outernet' allows human singles to be rejected by entirely new species.

2019
MONTGOMERY, Ala.
To help overweight people slim down, the Everything is Jerky Company offers cupcake jerky, [illegible] jerky and pancake jerky, among others. Not only does the toughness of the food cause people to give up and consume smaller portions, but the hard and constant chewing burns more calories.

2020
DOVER, Del.
Drug stores sell a popular new sedative that calms tempers and prevents [illegible]. The brand-named Acquaint also

WWN ARTS SECTION

CEL BLOCK

Cartoonist brings 'man-topian' vision to silver screen

By JIM GRAND

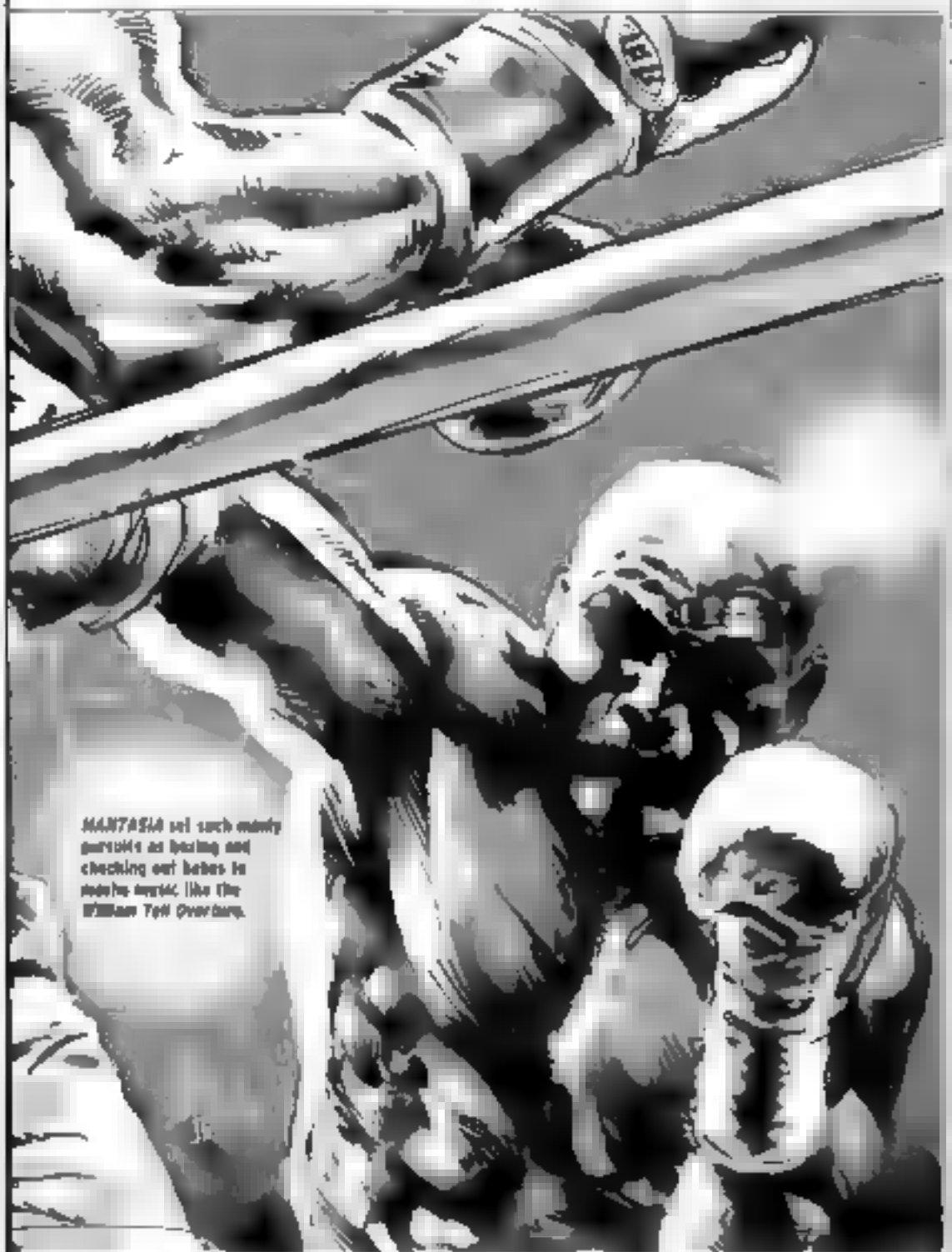
HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — The world's most openly virile filmmaker, thirty-two-year-old Rock Steele, has just completed a labor of love, a paean to males called *Mantasia*.

"It's a cartoon set to manly classical music like Rossini's *William Tell Overture* and Grieg's *Hall of the Mountain King*," said Steele. "Each segment shows athletes bench-pressing, construction workers watching the girls go by, prisoners escaping from a stalag, boxers knocking each other into next week — that sort of thing."

Steele, whose previous films include *Sweating Sweat, Not Until You Hurt*, and his Maanes Film Festival award-winning short, *Shorty*, was inspired to re-

scribed as 'sissified.'

"I wanted to make a film that sweats, that takes the celebration of testosterone to a level that would make James Bond drop out of the race."



MANTASIA set such manly pursuits as boxing and checking out babes to manly music like the William Tell Overture.

tant that young boys have role models other than hulking but sympathetic ogres, lily cowboys and toothless sharks. It's equally important that women not expect men to be like that. Not if

When asked when and where *Manhasia* will be playing, Steele sneered, "Men will find it. A real man doesn't ask for directions."

For his next project, Steele

"so-called heroes who investigate" stuff instead of knocking out teeth or 'tough-guy' spinal surgeons who get stranded on an island and captured by wusses.

THIS WEEK IN 560 HISTORY

PROFUCIUS

Yuanshi, China – Historian Fei Sung recently discovered the work of an unknown Chinese philosopher, writings on rice paper which were buried in a pottery more than 2,500 years ago. The damp mud preserved the bamboo-bound tells in which they were stored.

"The author was a contemporary of Confucius, whose famed works emphasize morality, justice and sincerity," said Sung. "However, these writings are much different.

"The ancient philosopher, whose name was Profucius, viewed the world in a somewhat less balanced way than Confucius.

"For instance, Confucius said 'The superior man is modest in his speech but exceeds in his actions,'" said Sung. "Profucius believed it is better to 'tell everyone you encounter how magnificent you are. That is not arrogance, it is honesty – and we are all the servants of truth.'"

Confucius also believed that perfect virtue was comprised of five traits: Gravity, generosity, sincerity, earnestness and kindness.

"Profucius, on the other hand, believed there were only three: A healthy carnal appetite, a healthy appetite at meal time and long naps between."

Sung theorized that Profucius' ideas may have been popular with the royalty, while the common people preferred Confucius – which is why the latter has endured.

"It's likely that Emperor Shen ordered Profucius' work hidden, lest every man aspire to the noble class," said Sung. "And it's perhaps for the best. If Profucius' ideas had been allowed to spread, China might have become more overpopulated than it already

SUPER JAWS!

MONSTER SHARK TERROR!

By NICK ALLEN

NEW SOUTH WALES, Australia — Deep within the frozen wastes of Antarctica, a gigantic, unstoppable eating machine has been unleashed on an unsuspecting world!

"Thanks to global warming, oceans worldwide have increased in temperature," [illegible] biologist [illegible] Weekly World News. "In October, these unstable weather patterns created a severe storm system in the Gulf of Alaska. This storm generated a massive ocean swell that traveled 8,200 miles south to the other end of the globe — the very coast of Antarctica."

Nesbitt was in the region, leading an international expedition studying migratory habits of penguins, when the wave struck.

"Our sixty-foot research vessel, the Tsuburaya Maru, was anchored near the world's biggest iceberg, the B-15A, when the Alaskan swell hit," he recalled. "I was on deck supervising a camera crew — which was setting up on an ice floe — when the unexpectedly extremely choppy waters of the Weddell Sea began to cascade from the three hundred foot-high precipice into the sea.

"The massive iceberg shuddered violently from the sudden impact, and then again, more violently, as a crack appeared in its north face. The fissure spread, splintering upward with a deafening rumble until the entire berg was fractured. A second later, the massive iceberg split in two! Great shards of ice smashed into the dock as we ran for cover. Trapped on the iceberg, the camera crew kept shooting the destruction as long as they could. Those poor, lost souls were remembered to the last."

Nesbitt ran below and as he watched the video on his monitor he saw it.

"Emerging from the fissure was the greatest great white shark that ever lived," he said. "It was the size of a blue whale and twice as vicious, its evil teeth gleaming in the frosty air. As it splashed into the sea, the monster cast a black, soulless eye in our direction.

"At first I was overcome by the sheer majesty of the living leviathan, which was obviously a precursor to the modern shark. But then I realized did everyone else onboard ... that these super jaws w[illegible] hungry?"

There was no time to rescue the [illegible]

"The [illegible]'s jaws opened wide. Our video feed went [illegible] — [illegible] men who had been aboard it. The crack of rifle fire rang out as the ship's crew began shooting at the big shark. I ran on deck, all of the crew, taking pictures as bullets lanced off its smooth, thick hide. We would have more success hitting less than an artillery shell to penetrate that skin!

"The shark charged through the floes, picking up speed as it swam faster and faster on an apparent collision course with us," Nesbitt recalled. "The titan was about to ram us when, suddenly, it dove beneath the Tsuburaya Maru.

"For a moment I thought we might be spared," Nesbitt continued. "However, an instant later, the vessel lurched upward. Because I was astern — and closest to the hole — I was thrown onto the ice. Fortunately, I landed on [illegible] nothing more than a broken arm. I watched [illegible] from the shark [illegible] about split us in two, sending [illegible] my own team [illegible] and [illegible]

"The ship crashed [illegible] ing fed for millennia [illegible] quickly like [illegible] horrible with shrieking [illegible] Their screams suddenly were silenced and, with a mighty [illegible] its tail, the monster [illegible] turned."

Nesbitt [illegible] be pulled out. Fortunately the radio operator had [illegible] able to send out a distress signal. Scientists from a Russian base received the message and [illegible] ship to co[illegible] sole survivor.

"The shark has not been seen since," said Nesbitt, "and there are people who think I faked the photographs for publicity — that the Tsuburaya Maru was simply lost in the Alaskan wave.

"They're wrong," he said. "And if the [illegible] world [illegible] soon, hundreds — perhaps thousands — of people will be dead."

NOVEMBER OF THE PENGUINS!

THE ULTIMATE SPRING BREAK!

By ERIC FROST

CALETA OLIVIA, Argentina — Every winter, emperor penguins make an arduous journey across the Antarctic to find a safe and frigid place to mate and raise their young. It takes a great deal of effort, and can be very stressful for the penguins. That's why one filmmaker has followed them in the secret period that follows their yearly trek. What he found is most astonishing.

"My documentary will be called *November of the Penguins*," said filmmaker Rick Oswald. "It shows that every year the birds continue marching right in warm climates for a long vacation.

"They gather on the beaches of Argentina, [illegible] they are quite a tourist attraction during our southern spring and summer." [illegible] Manuel del Fuego, manager of the El Ritzi in this resort on the Atlantic. "We even let them use the hot tub. The guests think they [illegible] so adorable!"

"Despite what people [illegible], most Antarctic animals hate the cold," said Oswald. "They only tolerate it because they can't get away. Unless you give a polar bear a lift, it's not venturing far from shore. But penguins have

north on [illegible] is what my first [illegible]

[illegible] guests are charmed by [illegible] polar [illegible], their [illegible] is sometimes a [illegible]

"[illegible] watching [illegible] guins waddle past the bar [illegible] sample martinis," [illegible] Sara Duncan. "I assumed they would have preferred frozen margaritas."

"The [illegible] would be happy to have them with tables," said guest Julie Poppins. "The penguins got a [illegible] huffy and [illegible] sniff. I don't blame them. They were [illegible]

The [illegible] are genuinely [illegible] and relaxed as [illegible] though [illegible] and [illegible] emerges. [illegible] it's time to go [illegible]

"I have a great deal of footage showing the unhappy penguins hitching rides on boats and [illegible] icebergs back to [illegible]," said Oswald. "I [illegible] it [illegible] were a lot of fights.

It's an ugly thing, [illegible]

LEWIS, CLARK & SCHWARTZ?

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY 1803

MOUNT VERNON, Va. – Eager to learn more about the North American continent, President Thomas Jefferson commissioned Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to undertake an expedition to the American Northwest. The men gained an extensive knowledge of the geography of the region, catalogued new species of plants and animals and encouraged fur trade in the West, among other achievements. However it has recently come to light that there was originally a third member of the so-called Lewis and Clark expedition.

"In Oregon, we recovered a notebook that had fallen from Lewis' backpack during the trip," said Professor Benjamin Rawling of the American Historical Research Center in Washington. "The small volume was found in a ravine and describes the outset of the expedition – and the hands-on participation of a gentleman named Jacob Schwartz."

Lewis' journal explains how President Jefferson insisted that the two rugged explorers take an attorney with them on their journey.

"Jefferson realized that Lewis and Clark might need to negotiate trade agreements, settle land disputes and write treaties," said Rawling. "Both men were soldiers and not legally minded. Despite their protests that a 'cotton pants' would slow them down, the historic trek into the American wilderness began as the Lewis and Clark and Schwartz Expedition."

Lewis and Clark's reservations about their partner were validated at the end of the first week.

"They had only gotten as far as St. Charles, Mo., when Schwartz was lost," said Rawling. "They went to sleep one night and the next morning he was gone.

"It turns out that Schwartz woke up to answer the call of nature," said Rawling. "He walked a few yards from the camp and, half-asleep, got completely lost. He spent the next forty years wandering the American northwest. We know this because he eventually made it back to Washington and was debriefed by President John Tyler."

Fittingly, Schwartz was hired to handle both Lewis' and Clark's estates when the great explorers passed away.

Hi, Dolly

MY MOM ALWAYS CHOOSES MY BROTHER'S SIDE

HI, DOLLY: I am thirteen years old and I am having trouble with my mom always choosing my brother's side. Last year my brother turned fifteen and he can get away with anything. If I were to do the same thing as him but not near as bad I would get [redacted]. And when he does something sick and nasty, I tell my mom and she gets mad at me for telling on him! Save me! — C in Knoxville

Dear C: When I was growin' up, I had a girlfriend in the same tight spot as you. Her mama was mean to her, so she used to come over to my house most every day. My mama would talk to her and feed her and give her hugs. That's what saved her til she was old enough to leave home. Maybe you have a friend whose mama will 'adopt' you until this situation improves? I know that would help.

Why does my mom [redacted] his brother?

Hi, Dolly: My boyfriend never had a good word to say about his brother. Well, his brother dropped by the other day when I was [redacted] and I thought he was great! He was funny, thoughtful and creative (and not bad looking). I don't understand this. I wonder if there's boyfriend that he could be so cold to his [redacted], or if the brother isn't really the nice guy he seems to be when you first meet him. What do you think could be going on? — Miriam in Aurora

Dear Miriam: It's hard to [redacted] without seein' the family in action. Maybe this is about sibling [redacted] rivalry, as you suggest, or maybe the [redacted] is the world's biggest charmer — and con man. The more important question [redacted] does your boyfriend treat other folks that he knows well? Is he critical? Cold? And most importantly of all, how does he treat you? In the early days of a relationship he's most likely to show you [redacted] that you've sniffed somethin' a teeny bit suspicious you'd best be on the lookout.

Should I give up on finding a good man?

Hi, Dolly: I'm forty-one years old, single, and have stumbled from one dead-end relationship to another. I'm ready to give up but friends tell me I shouldn't. They say that on-line dating services work for a lot of people, as do playing sports and volunteering and a whole bunch of other things. Do you think I should try again or would I just be wasting my time? — Vera in Blooming Grove

Dear Vera: It depends how much you want to be yoked off. I'm sure no amount of huntin' would be a [redacted] of time, especially if you've [redacted] to compromise as to what you've lookin' for. You also might look at those dead ends and see what they had in common. That will tell you what to avoid. Of course, being coupled ain't always the dandiest thing in the world. You might be one of those folks who has a better time doin' what you want when you want, even if you're mostly alone. Maybe that'll why you never found no one. Though as a single gal pal o' mine is fond of sayin', 'Their loss — No one's

I'm going to visit my first love

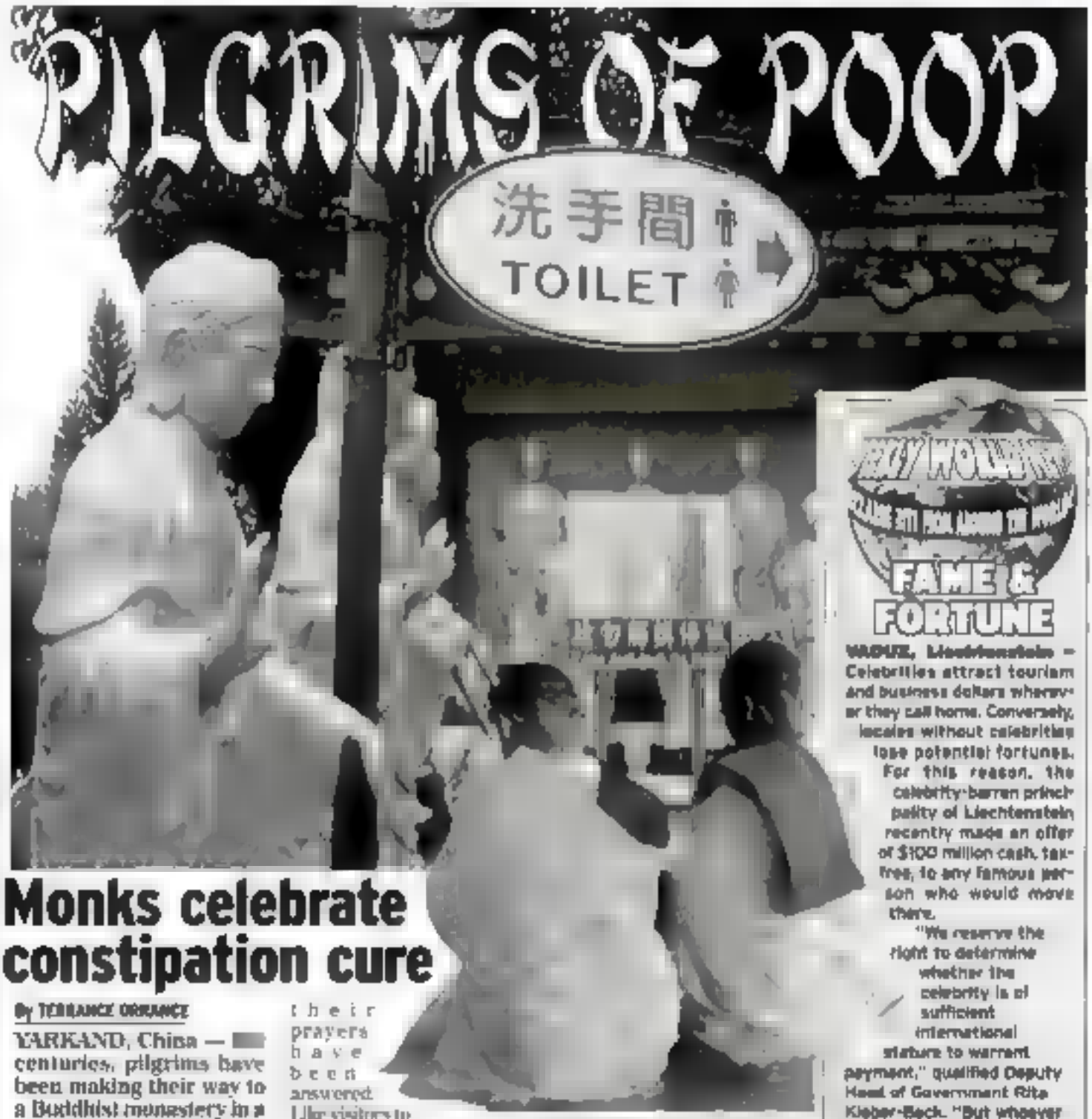
Hi, Dolly: When I was in college, I fell in love with a wonderful woman. She liked me, too, but it was the first big love for us both and she [redacted] scared. A short time later she married someone else. Eventually, so did I. We stayed friends. Now we're both divorced. She lives in London and I'm planning to visit her soon. I'm excited and scared. I've never met anyone I loved more than her. Do you think this could work out now, or am I just fooling myself? — Leon in Freeport

Dear Leon: In my experience, there ain't nothin' as strong as first love. There's no tellin' what will happen, sugar, but when you go to London don't go expectin' nothin'. See what happens and take your cues from your lady friend. Don't go faster or further than she's willin' to go and you'll have a better chance of bein' [redacted] her in the long run.

WRITE TO DOLLY

Send Dolly your letters and questions — and we bet she'll be happy to write to the Dolly, c/o Weekly World News, [redacted] Boca Raton, Fla.

PILGRIMS OF POOP



Have these pilgrims eaten too many bowls of rice (Weekly World News, Dec. 4, 2006)?

Monks celebrate constipation cure

By TERRANCE ORRANCE

YARKAND, China — For centuries, pilgrims have been making their way to a Buddhist monastery in a remote part of China to seek relief for a painful ailment.

"They light incense, pray and eat with the monks in order to rid themselves of constipation," said Abbot Stoo Prun. "Our diet consists mainly of bok choy, beans and melons. No bananas."

After three or four days on their prayers have been answered. Like visitors to Lourdes and other western shrines who leave their no longer needed crutches behind as testimony to their cure, successful pilgrims to Yarkand present the monks with their symbolic handfuls of mud, which the monks mold into gilded effigies of Buddha.

"At least, we hope it is mud," Thousands of statues line the steep path leading to the monastery.

There is no set fee to stay at this holy place. Donations are requested, though the monks support their work primarily by selling locally-produced CDs of performances by wind instru-

FAME & FORTUNE

VADUZ, Liechtenstein — Celebrities attract tourism and business dollars wherever they call home. Conversely, locales without celebrities lose potential fortunes. For this reason, the celebrity-barren principality of Liechtenstein recently made an offer of $100 million cash, tax-free, to any famous person who would move there.

"We reserve the right to determine whether the celebrity is of sufficient international stature to warrant payment," qualified Deputy Head of Government Rita Kieber-Beck. "But whoever accepts our offer will not only be a big fish in a small pond, he or she will be adored daily throughout Liechtenstein."

While celebrities contacted by Weekly World News agree it's a generous deal, there's one drawback.

"You have to live in Liechtenstein," said one. "I can't even spell it."

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TRIV

By [illegible]

Every week the reporters and editors at Weekly World News unearth astonishing trivia while researching the terrific stories you read in our papers. Here's a sample of some of our recent discoveries:

● William Russell Frisbie's pie tins made his Frisbie Pie Company world famous. Frisbie opened for business in Bridgeport, Conn. in the 1870s. Some seventy years later, students from nearby Yale University began using the pie tins to play catch. The lightweight tins, embossed with the company name, [illegible]

in 1957, Wham-O caught on and used the concept for their "Flying Saucer," dubbed the "Frisbee."

● When people were described as "mad as a hatter," they were referring to an actual medical condition. "Hatter's Shakes" resulted when 19th-century hat makers were continually exposed to a toxic solution used in treating felt. Mercury poisoning affected their central nervous systems. Among other symptoms, hatters developed a palsied tremble and slowed up words when they spoke.

● Many people know that Abraham Lincoln was the tallest president of the United States but fewer know that James Madison, at 5 feet, 4 inches, was the shortest president.

● When people here other latins, they're asking for a

The first toy to be advertised on television was Mr. Potato Head in 1952

ordering a latte might be surprised by what you the Italian word

- Only the first lady has been Quincy Adams' wife, was born in London.
- While Bugs Bunny chewed swallowed his carrots with Mel Blanc despised the taste and after recording the crunching.
- Three times the height Mount Everest, Olympus Mons holds the record for being the largest known volcano in the system. expect to find this natural wonder, approximately the size as Ariz.
- Today's significant home-run bat h big dollars as noted Ozersky selling Mark

though, Babe Ruth only had to shell out $25 to buy his 700th home-run ball from a fan.

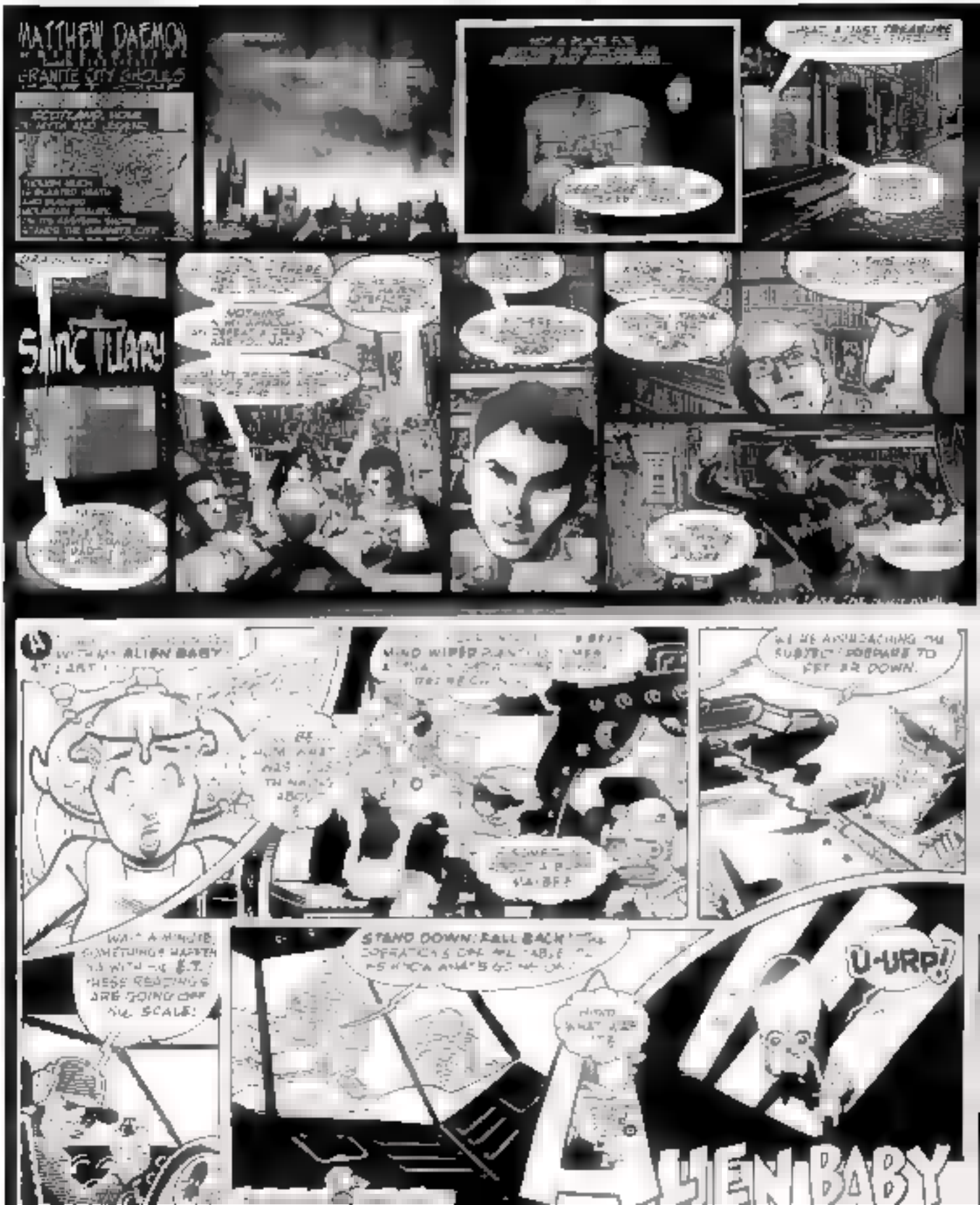
- Fearing that space exploration might triumph over cinematic glory, famed director Stanley Kubrick tried to buy insurance from prestigious Lloyds of London to protect his epic *2001: A Space Odyssey* from being overshadowed. rejected the request.

ever use an "ideulocular?" did if you ever heard the Are Blanc" arm as a map.

- Kangaroos can only when their tails touch the ground.
- Despite the name, a peanut is neither a nut nor a pea. It is actually a legume.
- During the early 1600s when potatoes were first imported to from the New World, people feared that spuds would cause leprosy and wouldn't eat them. All that changed when 's King Louis XVI began

his starving people.

- Fingerprints evolved to provide human fingers with traction when they grasp things. Today they remain one of the best law enforcement aids for hunting criminals.
- Following her physician's advice, first lady Eleanor Roosevelt consumed three chocolate-covered garlic balls each morning. The theory of the day was that stimulation would help improve memory.
- Few presidents have been shot and only two were the same physician. D.W. Bliss was one of sixteen doctors to try and save Abraham Lincoln's life in 1865. Sixteen years later, in 1881, the Army doctor was on hand to care for James A. Garfield.
- Europe is the only continent without a desert.
- Twice the size of the Rock of Gibraltar, "El Capitan" rises 3,000 feet vertically. Located in Yosemite National Park, it's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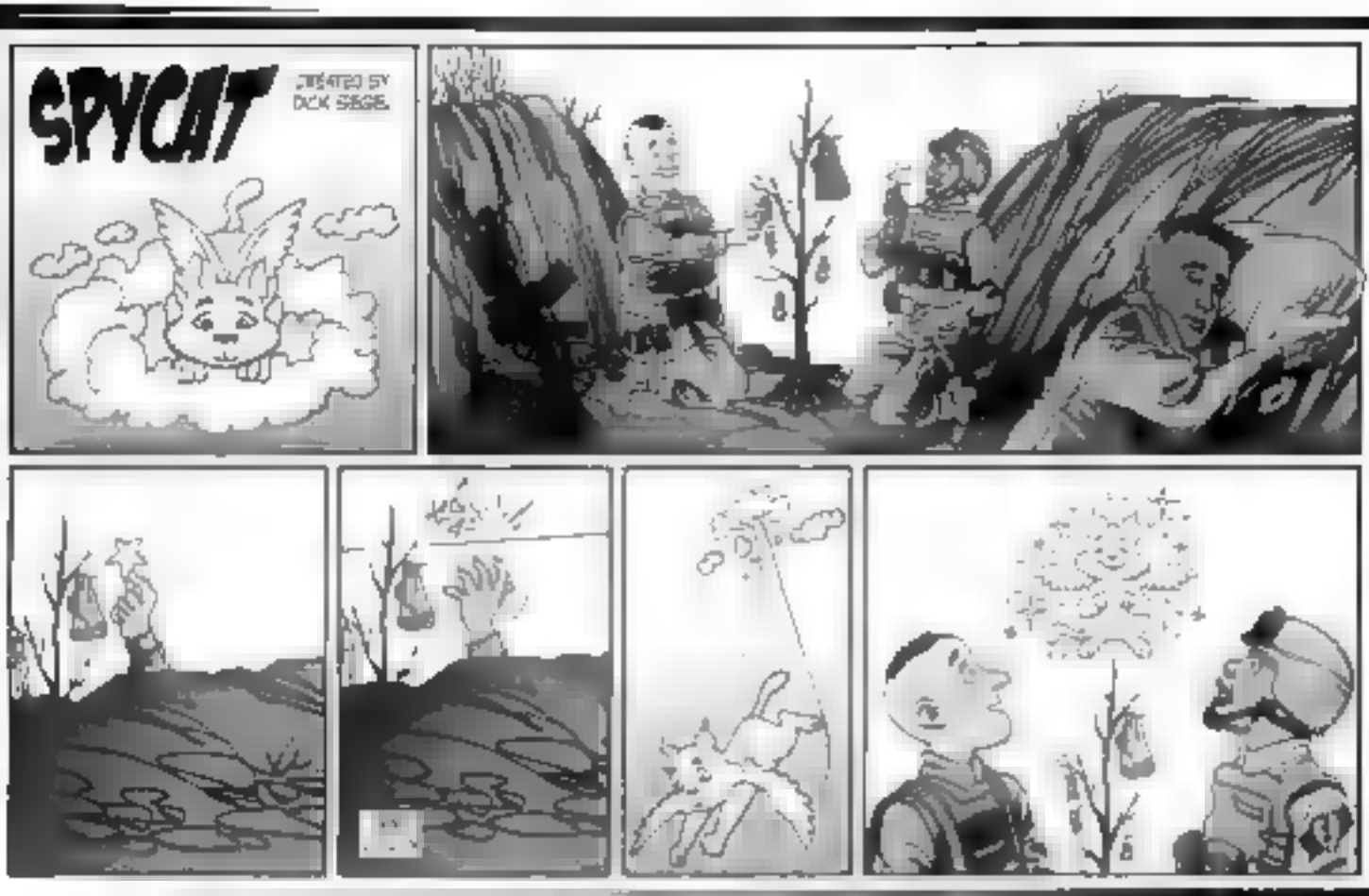
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WOW! Our new manager sure got them checks to us FAST!
OH MAN! I can finally afford a
I got me a MOUSE!
I can buy a CAR!
EEE!
Um.. I propose that we focus on getting Bat Boy a BANK ACCOUNT first.
You can't open an account without proper I.D.
You can't get your DRIVERS LICENSE without a Social Security number!
Are you a U.S. Citizen, sir?
MAN, this BLOWS!
Unfortunately we don't have to take that - WE'RE ROCK STARS!!
The next day
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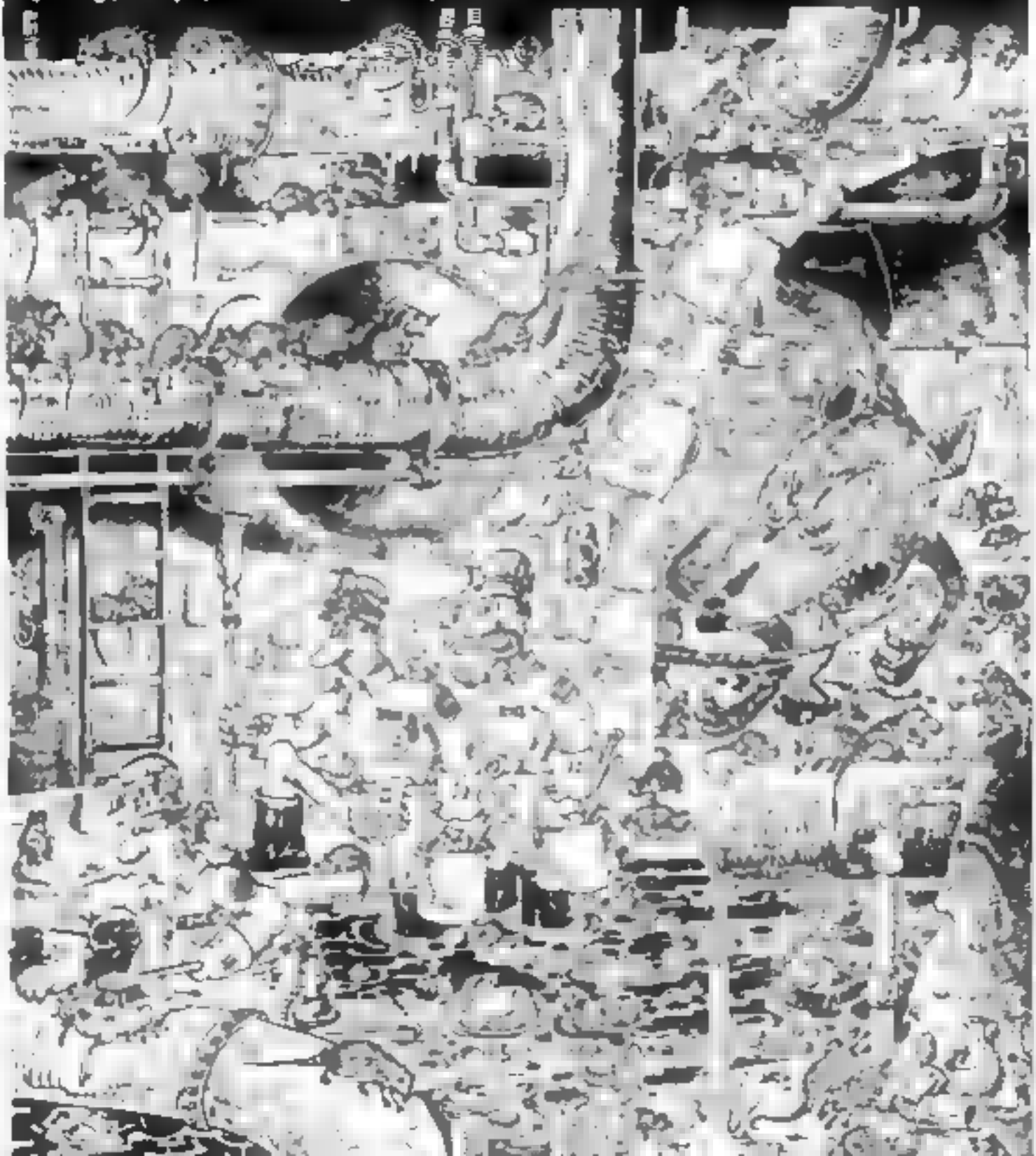
WEIRD PICTURE SEARCH

Can you find 10 brushes hidden in this sketch by renowned artist Sergio Aragonés? Check next week's issue for the answer key.



DUELING CRANES

BREAKING NEWS

MANHATTAN, N.Y. – Trouble arose high above the site of a new municipal building last week when two competing construction companies arrived to finish the exterior.

"They had no business being there," said Speedy Lackley Construction foreman Ralph Lackley. "We were asked to do the glasswork two months ago."

"They had a promise from the city, but we had a contract from the contractor," said Super Efficient Builders foreman Joe Gisbourne. "There was no way we were going to let these guys take it from us."

Rather than spend tens of thousands of dollars in court, the foremen decided to settle the dispute the old fashioned way: With a duel. Both men sat at the controls of their cranes and began bashing each other with the fifty tons of metal.

"His technique was impressive," said Lackley. "He parried my thrusts without losing the plumb bob of his hook."

"He knew how to handle a crane," said Gisbourne. "If he builds as well as he fences, he could become one of the best in the city – right behind us."

After an hour of clashing cranes, the duelists accepted a draw and agreed to finish the task together.

"I think the most important thing we built was mutual respect," said Lackley.

– Michael Rovin

Construction companies take job dispute to new heights!

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OUT OF THIS WORLD

THE BIGFOOT DIET!

BUGGY CREEK, Ga. — "I've been a Bigfoot fan all my life," videogame designer Noiman Chalmers told *Weekly World News*. "I've tried for years to meet him without luck. ("Furry Admirer Seeks Bigfoot," www.weekly-worldnews.com). After your paper re- vealed that Bigfoot spends the winter sequestered [illegible] native wetlands, I headed south myself [illegible] ep in the Okeefenokee Swamp where Bigfoot was last spotted ("Bigfoot vs. Aliens!" *Weekly World News*, [illegible], the vacationing [illegible] set up base camp.

By DICK SIEGEL

"After a few days of seeing nothing but alligators and

BEFORE

FATSQUATCH REALLY PACKED ON THE POUNDS

Sasquatch's slimming secrets revealed!

CONCERNED anthropologists invited Bigfoot to their facility for a complete check-up after his dramatic weight-loss.

AFTER

BIGFOOT IS NOW SLIM AND SVELTE!

CONTINUED ON PAGE 26

possums, I was getting pretty [illegible] As I was about to pack [illegible], I heard a savage bellow erupt from the cypress grove. I scampered up [illegible] bole. Though [illegible] ed to try and communicate with the elusive creature, I also [illegible] tagonize him.

"Pushing [illegible] h thick brush, Bigfoo[illegible] into the sun-dappled grove," Chalme[illegible]

slender, muscular Bigfoot I'd seen in photos. Oh no. His gut was enormous! Like the rest of us, Bigfoot had evidently indulged in a little too much holi[illegible] eating wild turkey and raw sweet potatoes and packing on pounds. However, as I watched, he suddenly grunted loudly, bent over, and [illegible] Then he did it ag[illegible] a few moments to realize that Bigfoot was [illegible]

"First he did a toe-touching, ha[illegible] an stretching routine—not [illegible] like Pilates or yoga. After [illegible] Bigfoot really got to work. He did a series of rounds[illegible] that cu[illegible] nated in him felling a mang[illegible] fallen tree into the swamp. As [illegible] there, the hairy giant jumped onto the log and began rolling it, waving his arms to keep his balance, going faster and faster until he was breathing hard. Finally, his thick legs were so exhausted he just fell in.

"After shaking his furry, Bigfoot bega[illegible] lifting ar[illegible] rocks, [illegible] Chalmers continued. "Finding the heaviest stones, he hoisted it over his head several [illegible] arms [illegible] and more with each [illegible] when his b[illegible]s were fluttering like [illegible] hummingbirds, Bigfoot heaved the [illegible] into the bog with a splash!

"Unfortunately, *that* riled a [illegible] alligator, which rumbled ashore, charging the one who had disrupted his sleep. Bigfoot welcomed the challenge. As the enraged carnivore leapt at him, Bigfoot grabbed it by the tail, swung it overhead like an Olympic hammer, and slammed it to the ground. Then he wrestled the dazed creature into a scissors hold, locking it tight between his hairy thighs. Bigfoot continued to loiter, then tighten his grip. He did this over two dozen times before releasing the alligator, which fled.

"Then Bigfoot took a well-deserved snack break. I thought he'd head to the nearest chicken coop but instead he nibbled on a handful of healthy, low-calorie swamp berries. After that, he plucked a minty green leaf from the shore, chewing it like chaw. The leaf must have been an appetite suppressant because I didn't see Bigfoot eat again."

Sated, Bigfoot looked up at the sun and sluggishly ambled in the direction of Buggy Creek. The dazed Chalmers slid from his tree-top perch and followed the shaggy behemoth at a safe distance. The giant might be overweight, but he could still snap a man like a pretzel stick.

"Bigfoot [illegible] waded under a sign that said [illegible]

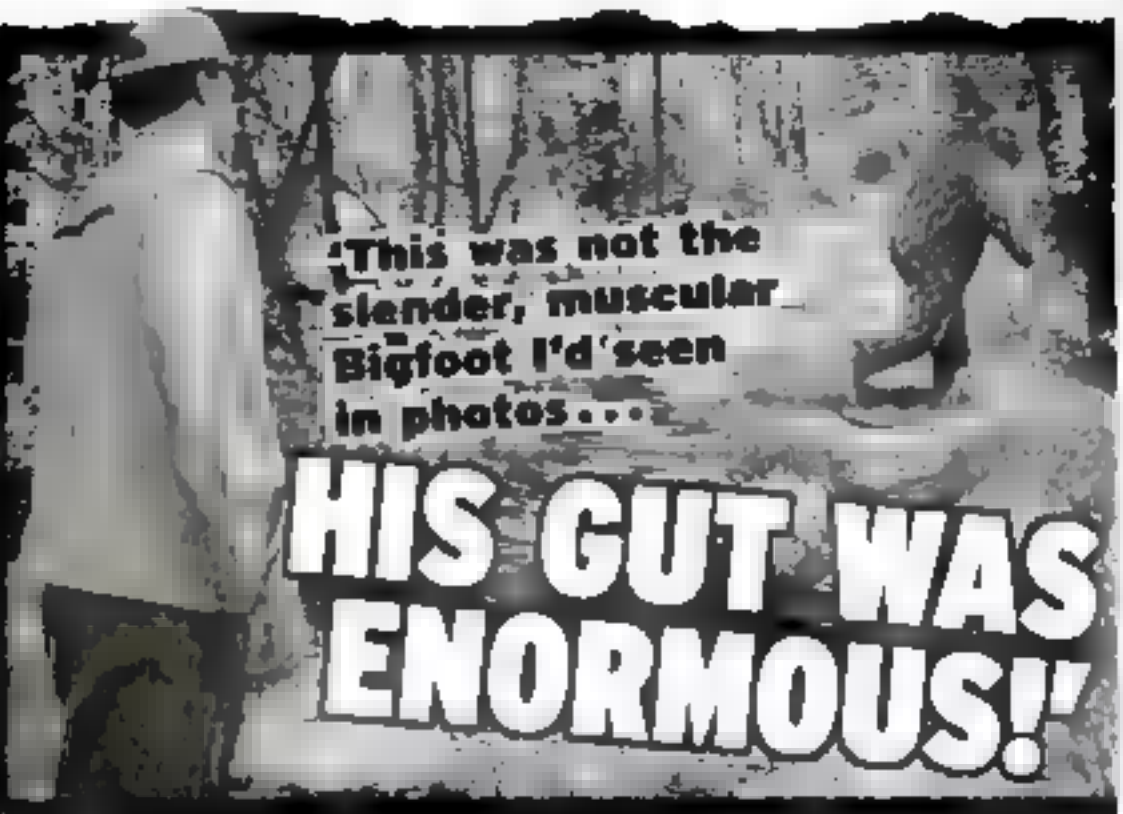
fifty pounds onto the rear of his truck's pickup. The axles groaned [illegible] Then, with a screech, empty bottles poured from the [illegible]

"At once, Bigfoot broke into a run," Chalmers said. [illegible] his ample girth. The farmer and his sons followed, cursing in his wake as he [illegible] into the thick morass. I later learned [illegible] Big[illegible] foot had [illegible] run like this every [illegible] at least

"I stayed [illegible] two weeks," Chalmers recalled. "I didn't see him again 'til I was [illegible] I heard [illegible] distance and saw Bigfoot chasing geese! At [illegible] But I checked the [illegible] on the [illegible] photos I'd taken. [illegible] right. He'd lost all that excess weight — more than sixty [illegible] muscles rippling [illegible]

Returning home, Chalmers decided to follow in the rather large footsteps of his hero.

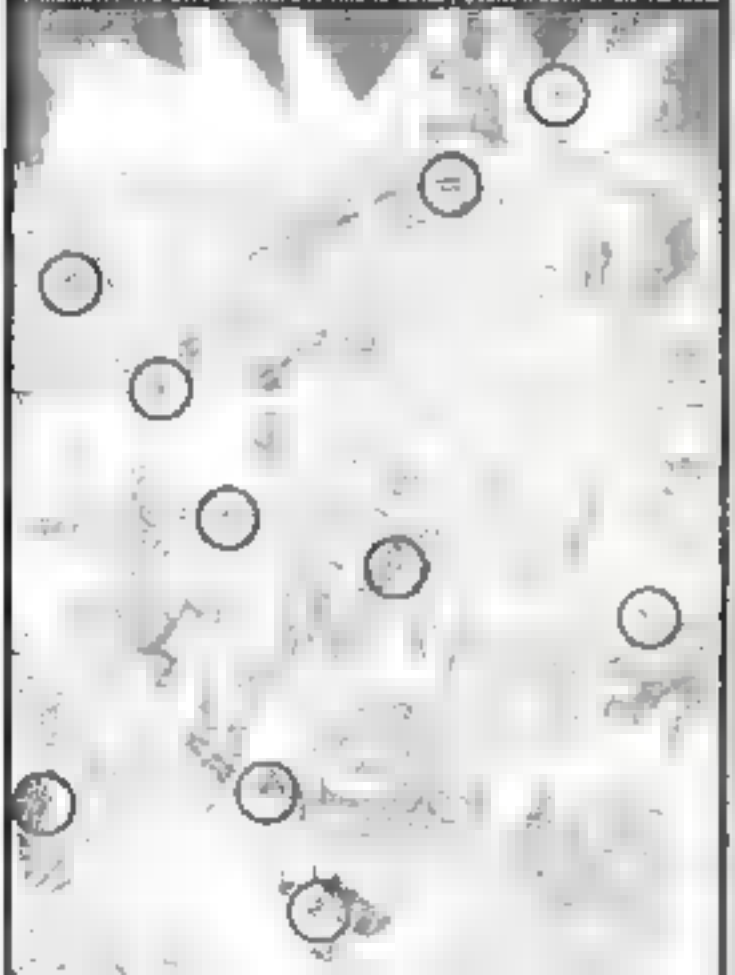
"I joined a gym and hit it hard, just like Bigfoot," [illegible] "Next time we meet, I might be [illegible]



KRAKENS CORNER HOTEL GUESTS

LAST WEEK'S PICTURE SEARCH SOLUTION

Remember? You were supposed to find 10 hockey pucks hidden in the cartoon.



Hot tubs no longer safe!

By BRET SAMS

WWN BIGFOOT: World's Biggest Crossword

ACROSS

1 Purest example
8 Not sorry
12 Amaze
18 Mai — cocktail
15 Dilhdally
16 Gets forty winks
19 Suspenseful move
20 Rollicking comedies
21 Bitterly cold
23 Capital of Belgium
25 Scrid
[illegible] "In the — of an eye"
27 Reel projections
28 Wigwams
30 Valentine symbol
31 Weeps openly
34 Hockey rinks
36 Kitchen utensil
38 Actor Cronyn
40 Flycatcher bird
41 Plunge headlong
42 Take a breather
44 Father
46 Social error: faux —
47 Famous cookie guy
49 Duel tool
50 Office item
51 Golden touch king
52 Singe hog
54 Red Sea republic
56 "— Rabbit"
58 Eve was the first
60 Associated
63 Passover ceremony
66 Turned over at sea
68 Spunk
70 Come from behind
71 Academy award
73 Mob member
76 Paradise
77 Marrying place
78 Neckwear
81 Umpire's call
82 Catch a cold
84 Free tickets
86 Relieves
87 Boarder
88 Cake mixture
90 Large container
92 Army acronym
94 Arduous journey
96 Russian ruler's wife
97 Domesticate
98 Supermarket section
100 Eagle's claw
101 Second planet
1[illegible] Sound from a nest
1[illegible] Brag
1[illegible] Breakfast choice
1[illegible] Polonian Al
1[illegible] Barber for one
1[illegible] Bakery treat
[illegible]31 Burglars
112 Certain cat
114 Film overlay
116 Score
117 Where the buoys are
118 Suture
119 Bro's sib
120 Stocking run
122 Goal for preception
125 Husbands and wives
128 Biblical beast
129 Region: Area
130 "Beware the — of March"
131 Britness cap
133 Mormon leader Young
135 Perpetrator
138 Composer Stravinsky
140 Gender
141 City vehicle
143 Soup units
144 Vandyke or goatee
147 Kicks out
149 Military gesture
151 Fundamental
154 Reach: achieve
157 At any time
158 Young boys
159 Clergyman
160 Pay Sér
161 Old saying
163 Engaged
165 Room style
169 Wuss me!
170 Large number
172 Eradicates
174 "— go bright"
176 [illegible]
177 [illegible]
179 Takes the wheel
181 Wretched state
183 Mo. On Mexico City formerly
[illegible]85 Navy ship
187 Big Garrison
189 Cultured woman
190 Mickey Mouse's Bell
191 Intelligent
192 Give it a whirl
193 And so on
195 Facing out
197 Take it all off
199 Newspaper section
202 European falcons
204 Shoulder neck
206 Manager
209 Executive
211 Actor Parker
213 Leaves the scene
215 Appears earlier
216 Persevered
217 Preserved
220 Intentional sins
223 Mistreaters
225 Howl at the moon
227 Money maker
229 California wine region
230 Plunge
231 Wrist bones
232 Art magazine
233 Shrewdness
235 Give to charity
237 "Bet you! — lucky"
238 Great quote
239 Main item
241 Tennis star
242 Pick up the tab
243 Hostage issue
245 Young bears
246 Aaron's cousin
248 Buddy
249 Setbacks
250 Pass out cards
252 Time later
254 Encountered
255 Sun: chamber
257 In a strange way
259 Dominant

DOWN

1 Give up
2 Conditional word
3 Part of a flight
4 Mended
5 Sobriquet
7 [illegible]
8 Headache
9 Architectural arch
10 Food area
11 Crate
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[illegible] Baseball deals
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18 Kiddie pajamas
19 Lukewarm
20 Tire woes
22 Procrastinate
24 Sanitation system
25 Power start
29 What did I tell you?
32 Cup up
33 Family car
35 Plug briefly
37 Elevator button
38 Four-bagger
39 Previously owned
43 All there mentally
45 Peer of the realm
46 Bustle
47 Unpleasantness
53 Type of evidence
53 Quinine's target
55 Nutty
57 The White Man
58 Tax the want
59 Plummeted
60 Low, heavy carts
61 Mike of the ring
62 Gloom's partner
64 Never vertical
65 Greek cheese
67 Fanatic
69 Briefcase
72 Foul odor
74 Acupuncture tool
75 Edgy
78 London gallery
80 Furnace fuel
81 Salesman's stock
82 Type of commotion (2 wds)
83 Not now
84 The ends of the earth
85 Forecasters
88 The Red —
89 Do a doubletake
90 Crooked, resentful
91 Wait a while
93 Eschew
95 Knobby joints
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124 Cleaning cloth
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137 The Musketeers, for example
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140 Drinking tube
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143 Cronies
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148 Relinquishes land
150 Molecule
151 Actor Kevin
152 Scatter about
153 Teeming throng
155 Cuddle
157 Pattern
158 Dows out
160 They're nuts
163 Pair of performers
164 Kind of bar
165 Paleontological finds
166 Largest continent
170 Sober, composed
173 Button word
173 Florida city
175 Table item
178 Has a dinner
180 Coin holders
182 Story story
184 Determination
186 Gaining, permanent
188 Political friend
196 Freed from liability
195 Take the cat
196 Bigfoot relative
198 Draw
200 Annapolis inst.
201 Run off to wed
203 Clark Kent was one
205 Woodsman's tools
207 Without a glitch
208 Lunch hour
210 Not present
211 Household plants
212 Evening party
214 Street jargon
216 Work dough
218 Pass by, as time
219 Commotions
220 Actress West
221 Stinky
223 Part of FBI
224 "D come on — faithful
225 Perform
226 Life's work
228 Fly the coop
230 Rocky ledge
234 Payload
236 Campground sights
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Weekly World Humor

The census taker knocked on Mrs. May's door.

The elderly spinster was glad to [illegible] all of his questions. However, when it came to the question of her age, she balked.

"But madam," the census [illegible] her, "everyone [illegible] their age."

"Everyone?" she asked [illegible]y.

"That's right."

[illegible] Daisy Hill down the [illegible] And her brother, John, [illegible] door?"

"They did."

"In that case," said Mrs. May, "put me down as the same age."

The census taker wrote obligingly, "As [illegible] as [illegible] Hills."

"Julie!" screamed her mother, "why [illegible] you feeding birdseed to the cat?"

"I have to," Julie replied in a panic. "That's where my canary is!"

The rope was walking down the street and, feeling a bit thirsty, popped into a bar.

"Excuse [illegible]," he said to the bartender in his high, rope voice, "but I'd [illegible] a beer."

The bartender looked at him oddly. "Say, aren't you... a rope?"

"Yes, sir, I am."

The manly bartender [illegible] going to serve beer to a rope!"

Dejected, the rope left and spotted a second bar down the street. Ambling in, he sat [illegible] on a stool and asked the [illegible] for a beer.

"Hold on," said the bartender, "aren't you – a rope?"

"Yes, but I can pay..."

"Forget it!" snapped the bartender. "We don't cater to ropes in this establishment."

Mortified, the rope left. Noticing yet another bar down the road, the rope was determined not to be turned away again. Tangling himself up and vigorously rubbing both of his ends on concrete, he boldly strode into the bar.

"Pardon me," he said to the bartender, "but I'd like a beer."

"Hey, wait a minute," said the bartender, "aren't you a rope?"

"No," the rope replied, "I'm a frayed knot!"

Pity the floundering [illegible] who turned to the Bible for luck! [illegible] opened right to Chapter [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] into the pet shop and complained the owner. "I want to return this cat. You said it was a good [illegible] but all it does is lie there."

"So," the owner replied, "isn't that good for mice?"

"Perhaps," said the clerk to his customer, "your wife might like a cucumber [illegible] for her birthday?"

"I don't think so," replied [illegible] "She just wipes 'em off with water."

Hanson [illegible] to see an attorney.

"I need something to calm myself down," Hanson said.

"But I'm a lawyer, not a doctor."

"I know," said Hanson. "I need a divorce."

Then there was the divorce lawyer who described his job as helping women to get back their [illegible] alimony.

Entering the bookstore, the [illegible] man picked [illegible] his Seeing Eye dog by the hind legs and swung it up and [illegible].

Stunned, [illegible] clerk came over and asked, "C-can I help you, sir?"

"No," replied the blind man. "Just browsing."

The elderly [illegible] attended the court proceedings for his [illegible], who was being tried for robbery. Throughout [illegible] summertime hearing, a young boy sat beside him. After a few days, the older man turned to the boy.

"Young [illegible], [illegible] you [illegible] vacation?"

"Yes, sir."

"And are you a habitué of hearings like these?"

"Yes, sir," the boy replied, adding proudly, "My dad's the DA."

"Ah," the man replied. "So you're a son of a [illegible]."

JOKE OF THE WE[illegible]

Invited to visit America, [illegible] cannibal chief accepted, [illegible] after a few days of hamburgers and hot dogs, he was desperate for a taste [illegible] home.

Having agreed to be interviewed by a newspaper, he asked the reporter, "What is your title at office?"

"Why, I'm travel editor," the journalist replied.

Licking his lips the cannibal leader said, "How would you like to be editor in chief?"

Q: What's the difference bet[illegible] cows and infants?

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT WWN STORIES? TEST

FOR YEARS, faithful readers of Weekly World News [illegible] been kept up to date on the most extraordinary events on Earth – and off. However, reading [illegible] the facts is one thing. Retaining them is another. Let's see how much [illegible] remarkable stories!

1. A member of Keenville High School's golf team [illegible] recently voted Offensive Player of the [illegible]

a) [illegible] swears constantly.
b) [illegible] smells.
c) He's very ugly.
d) He's offensively bad at golf.

2. [illegible] in New York City have been [illegible]ng tofu [illegible]

a) [illegible] deadly to them.
b) They name [illegible] the planet Vega and bear hostility toward [illegible] product.
c) They are trying to corner the market.
d) They mistook it for cows.

3. Long suffering monks in Mexico are [illegible]king their monastery's hard, stone floors in sandals made of:

a) Rubber.
b) Wolf skin.
c) Marshmallows.
d) Sponges.

4) Attorney Evan Piedmont was fired when it was discovered he'd only passed what kind of bar?

a) Tavern.
b) Salad bar.
c) Sand bar.
d) Candy bar.

5. In France, archeology student Janice Phillips discovered an ancient Roman:

a) Chariot [illegible].
b) [illegible]
c) [illegible]
d) Drug store.

6. Bachelor Robert Malcolm discovered writing in his shower that was made from:

a) Tiles.
b) Shampoo.
c) Lipstick.
d) Mildew.

7. A new [illegible]um exhibit has disproved that all great men:

a) Have larger brains.
b) Are slightly insane.
c) Put their pants on one leg at a time.
d) Have a short-man "Napoleon" complex.

8. What kind of display was banned from a public school for failing to separate church and state:

a) Praying mantises.
b) [illegible] Bible illustrations.
c) Church architecture.
d) The pope's wardrobe.

9. [illegible] Kiri Weisskirsk invented an earpiece that feeds people what kind of informat[illegible]

a) Pickup lines.
b) Test answers.
c) Comebacks.
d) Driving directions.

10. Twenty year-old Jeb Roberts' body exudes an odor that attracts [illegible]

YOURSELF

b) Poodles.
c) Mosquitoes.
d) Zombies

11. Archaeologists claim that the original manuscript of [redacted] *Iliad* was written on:
a) A rock.
b) A leg cast.
c) A toga.
d) An ancient computer.

12. What recently got caught in the beard of a department store Santa?
a) A Christmas tree.
b) Reindeer antlers.
c) An elf.
d) A baby.

13. Instead of breaking peoples' knees, mobster Paulie 'The Pushover' Bruno always breaks:
a) Hubcaps.
b) Flat chips.
c) Elbows.
d) Hearts.

14. Amazingly, the eggs of Virgil Snapp's prophetic chicken Betty have what printed on them?
a) Road maps.
b) Weather maps.
c) Famous quotes.
d) Song lyrics.

15. What unlikely animals are now being used to sniff out [redacted] band at Sunnyville Airport in Chicago?
a) Bunnies.
b) Ant eaters.
c) African Elephants
d) Vultures.

16. What did eccentric sixty-one year-old Mildred Duvalier do with her deceased poodle?
a) Stuffed it.
b) Ate it.
c) Donated it for scientific research.
d) Turned it into a windup toy.

17. What kind of stationary was recently made illegal
b) Envelopes
c) [redacted]
d) Index cards

18. [redacted] are tired of aspersions being cast on what fruit?
a) Prunes.
b) Lemons.
c) Figs.
d) Raspberries.

19. As a result of a class action lawsuit, the biker kind of people into their group?
a) Suburban dads.
b) School teachers.
c) Priests.
d) Children.

20. The Swiss invented a new cuckoo clock made out of:
a) Gold.
b) Sand.

ANSWERS

1 b) Both his breath and body odor were foul.

2 b)

3 a) Inspired by the popular Croc footwear, the sandals are called Frocs.

4 b) He also had a closet full of lawsuits. Blacks, grays, and blues.

5 [redacted] restaurant, in Roman numerals, was MCD.

6 d) His mildew was trying to communicate with him.

7 c) Lincoln, for instance, jumped into his pants with both feet.

8 a)

9 d) It's called the Snapquest.

10 c) Roberts sells his [redacted] belonged to [redacted]

12 d) The act[redacted]ng Santa was [redacted] he didn't even notice.

13 d)

14 b) Since animals are in tune with the environment, animal behaviorists were not too surprised by Betty's ability.

15 c) It's called Operation Pachyderm.

16 d) That way, her pet still seemed to be alive.

17 c) The glaring yellow and great length of legal pads is considered a distraction in the workplace.

18 b) Referring to bad cars as "lemons" puts them in a bad light.

19 a)

20 d) It keeps perfect time in your stomach.

NEXT [redacted] TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF

Horse Sense

by [redacted] the Typing Horse

[redacted] stubborn streaks, he's now the editor's leading editorial equi-

Is radiation dangerous?

Dear Mr. Horse: I was recently reading about victims of atomic radiation. Why is radiation dangerous? What exactly does it do to us?

— Kenny Brooks, Saint Paul, Minn.

Dear Kenny: Radiation is made of many subatomic particles such as neutrons, electrons and alpha particles. These move through space at around 100,000 miles per second. When they hit the human (or horse) body they can easily penetrate it and damage many of its cells. These damaged cells can cause cancer to develop, or, if the particles hit reproductive cells, genetic defects.

However, I should mention [redacted] everything on the planet is hit by around 15,000 radioactive particles every second. They come from radioactive elements that have been a part of Earth since its creation. Only about one percent of fatal [redacted] is caused by this natural radiation.

Man-made radiation from leaky nuclear plants or atomic[redacted] is the kind that creates dosages large enough to destroy living tissue. That's why I never liked the idea of getting X-rays. Fortunately, I don't need to go to the dentist [redacted] I've managed [redacted] to break my leg.

[redacted] a gander at my goosebumps!

Dear Mr. Horse: What exactly are goose bumps?

— Walter Speakman, Danbury, Conn.

Dear Walter: [redacted] involuntary reaction to cold or fear, also called 'horripilation,' occurs when small muscles at the base of each hair shrank and pull the hair up straight.

In animals, the spreading [redacted] is a response to fear or anger, making the animal look larger [redacted] more threatening. In humans, horripilation is simply vestigial and is primarily a response to cold (since the tail muscles offer less surface area and, thus, retain heat).

My [redacted]

Dear Mr. Horse: What causes a sore throat?

— Gale Thomas, Springfield, Ill.

Dear Gale: A sore throat, or 'pharyngitis,' is an inflammation of the pharynx. Viruses[redacted] the main cause.

When you inhale a virus particle, it attaches to the cells lining the sinuses in your nose where it quickly multiplies. The fluid that contains these viruses then drips down your throat and attacks the mucous membranes in the pharynx, causing a sore throat.

There are also other causes — such [redacted] bacteria, measles, allergies, dry air and sinus drainage — but viruses [redacted] the worst because they don't respond to antibiotics. You just have to wait till the body can get rid of them, which [redacted] take up to a week.

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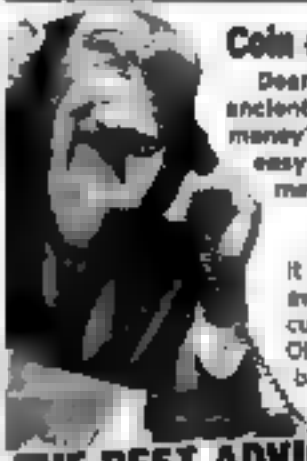

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Coin counterfeiters?

Dear Mr. Chimp: Do you think the ancient people used to counterfeit money? I mean, it would seem pretty easy since they were just faces on metal.

– Bob Franklin, Dayton, Ohio

Dear Bob: People tried, though it was a lot more difficult to get away with back then. Most ancient currency consisted of coins. Obtaining metal was not so easy back then: it probably cost as much as the coins that were being forged!

On top of that, the face of coins changed with each new ruler. A counterfeiter in Rome might spend years creating a fortune of fake bronze sestertius with the face of, say, Caligula, only to find out that he was killed and replaced by Claudius Caesar.

In addition, the penalty for counterfeiting was more severe back then. Whereas a counterfeiter nowadays will get a few years in prison, an ancient Roman was maimed or put to death.

Charge it!

Dear Mr. Chimp: Credit cards used to be [redacted] 'charge' cards. Why the name change?

– Tom Willard, Boise, Idaho

Dear Tom: Actually, they aren't exactly the same thing. One is simply [redacted] a lot more [redacted] than it was ten years ago, back in the days when MasterCard [redacted] MasterCharge [redacted] BankAmericard – remember that one?) Charges made on charge cards [redacted] to be paid-off in full each month, which is called 'installment credit.' Credit cards use 'revolving credit' which carries a balance forward [redacted] not have a fixed amount of payments. Most people [redacted] both [redacted] terms interchangeably, unaware of the distinction.

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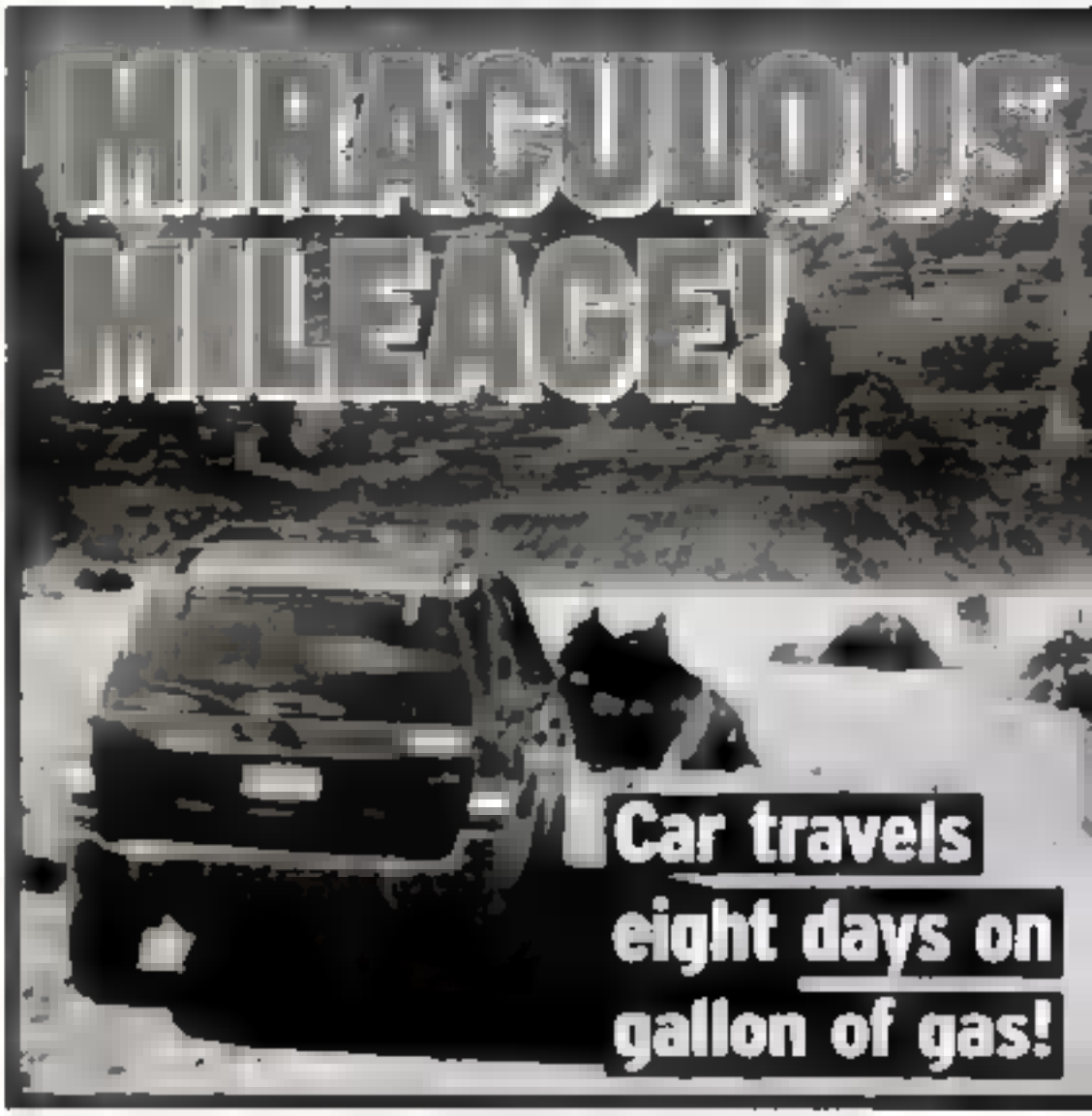
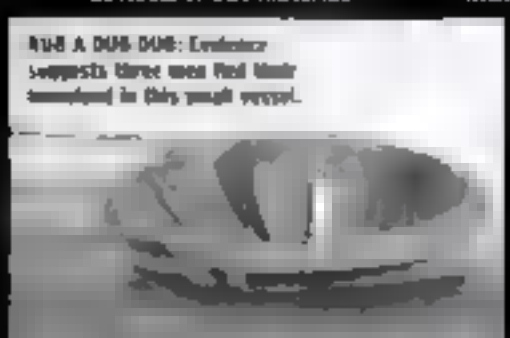


A RHYME OF ANCIENT MARINERS?

SHETLAND, Shetland Islands – The shifting sands of Shetland Beach have offered up an ancient wreck that has completely stumped maritime archaeologists.

"The recovered artifact appears to be from seventeenth-century England," said Dr. Stanley Grimm. "It was clearly an ocean-worthy craft – a small, sturdily-built, oak vessel. We suspect the occupants may have been fleeing oppression, like modern-day refugees, but they made curious nautical sense."

The researchers found no navigational aids, steering devices, or sail material.


RUB A DUB DUB: Evidence suggests three men fled their homeland in this rough vessel.

"We'd normally expect to find a bit of rope, maybe a

sea-faring nature," Dr. Grimm said. "But all the three male occupants appeared to carry with them were a faded map to a 'bairg,' a meat cleaver and knife, a rolling pin and bread pans, and a candle mold and wicks."

In fact, after examining the clothing remnants, Dr. Grimm is beginning to doubt that the victims were even seamen.

"No experienced sailor would be foolish enough to cast off in such an unsafe hulk," he concluded.

By [illegible]

MALI PIKON, Israel — An unlikely new manufacturer has thrown his yarmulke into the automotive ring. Israeli-born Har Tikvah has unveiled what some are calling a 'miracle car' — the Maccabee 3000.

"Named for the heroes of Hanukkah, the M-3000 is a new breed of economy class sports utility vehicle," Tikvah told Weekly World News. "It can withstand the most hazardous driving conditions — including windstorms and infestations of locusts — yet is stylish enough to please even the most sophisticated connoisseur."

Best of all, the M-3000 features engineering innovations that help the car get great gas mileage.

"The tailpipe has been shortened, allowing for more efficient fuel consumption," Tikvah said. "In fact, it can run for eight days non-stop on a single gallon of gas!"

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By HENRY FISCH

HAMILTON, Ontario — Following the death of Albert Einstein, his brain was surgically removed and suspended in gelatin for study.

The procedure was done to determine what made Einstein such a genius," said Dr. Elias Denovan, a researcher at McMaster University in Ontario. "So far we've made several remarkable discoveries, like that his brain cells were a little bigger than normal."

Only recently, the pioneering of Einstein's brain won the most unusual footnote in the history of the noted university. Researchers, stunned by strange events, have now returned the presence of the distinguished brain.

It began when dean of the university, Cliff Donovan, received a shocking call on his cell phone.

"A man with a German accent told me that my wife was out with another man," said Donovan. "When I asked who the caller was he laughed and hung up."

Donovan raced home to find his wife in bed, reading. The dean was relieved that the call was a prank, but he was angry with the unknown caller.

At the same time, Dr. Denovan noticed an odd change in the suspended brain of Einstein.

"The brain had begun to show signs of electrical activity," said Dr. Denovan. "I took some measurements and noticed that the cells were even larger."

The next day a pizza delivery boy [illegible] the university about odd cell [illegible]

Word of the pizza reached Dr. Denovan who had noticed another spike in the brain's power levels.

"It became clear to me that, however improbable, the brain was alive again," Dr. Denovan said. "My guess was that the surgeon had helped it soak up radiation emanating from satellite dishes and cell phones. That would explain how the brain developed a wireless capability."

Reports circulated around campus that [illegible] the university about odd cell [illegible]

I was stuck on my dissertation about super symmetric quantum field theory when I got a call [illegible] Einstein," [illegible] Mr. Caller ID said, and I was about to hang up when he gave me a very insightful suggestion on how to [illegible]

Dr. Denovan knew that something had to be done to stop the ghostly [illegible]

"Dr. Denovan and I had been discussing the havoc that could be wrought by a renegade superbrain. The possibilities were terrifying [illegible] to destroy the brain jar and put an end to it."

But then Einstein's mind [illegible] to contemplate, and he approached Dr. Denovan [illegible] after the alarm sounds [illegible] and that being a brain had brought [illegible] me and to him. He admitted to [illegible] having had being a brain, but agreed [illegible] for the autumn and promised to behave himself if we would let him [illegible]

Denovan and Denovan agreed, and things at the university went back to normal — with a few minor exceptions.

"The morning I woke up to find that my cell phone had turned [illegible]," said senior Josh Brown. "Someone had been playing chess. But the weirdest part was a text message [illegible] the Transmitter Retrieval system [illegible]

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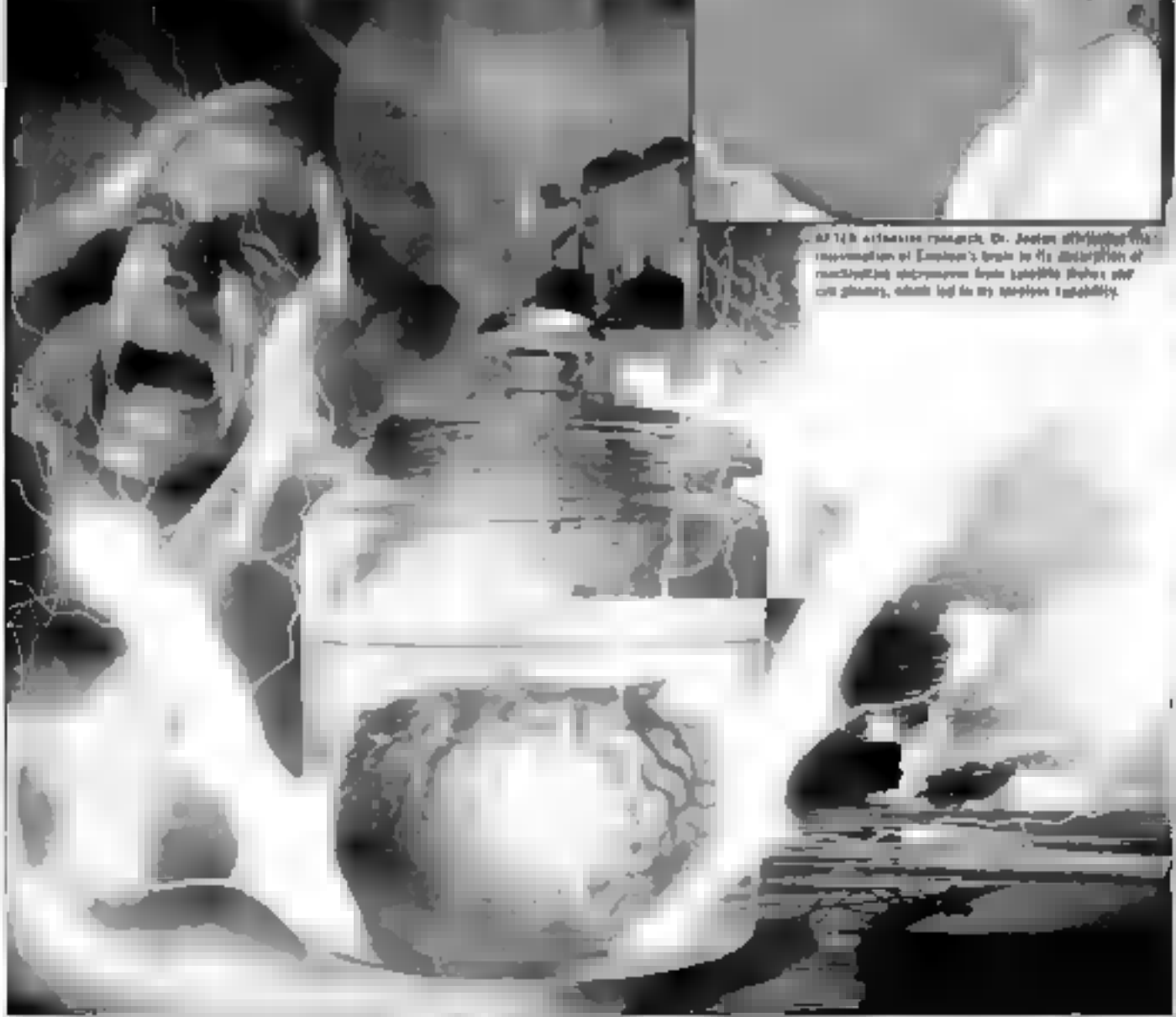

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NOTICE
to hungry dreamers

Pillow provides no nutritional value.

DANGER

Hugging this product is no substitute for an airbag.

CAUTION

Manufacturer not responsible for negative effects on sleeper's hairstyle.

TRAVEL ADVISORY

Whenever possible, avoid driving through pillow fights.

WORLD'S WORST GENIUS

'Some of the greatest scientists have accidentally made history'

By MICHAEL BOWN

CAMBRIDGE, [redacted]. — For [redacted] a week, [redacted]bers of the Cerebrus Prize committee have been struggling to decide whether or not to award the coveted Cerebrus Prize in Physiology or Medicine to controversial genius Bill Fusil.

"Mr. Fusil discovered a fast-acting, drug-free cure for headaches," said committee member James Stavis. "However, we aren't entirely sure how much credit he deserves. Looking back on his career, we have concluded that he should, instead, get the award for being the World's Worst Genius."

Fusil [redacted] came to the attention of universities at the age of [redacted] when he took college entrance examinations.

"It's true that he got a perfect score," said exam spokesperson Stanley Howard. "But I'm convinced it was luck. All of the spaces he filled in on the test happened to create a pattern that spelled his name and address. It just so happened the correct answers were his name and address. We realized that he knew nothing about English or math."

Accepted to Upper Boston Tech based on the strength of his scores, Fusil astounded physics professor Lawrence Perry when he provided the missing data that proved the correlation of the celestial mega-phenomenon superstring with human DNA. "I had left my calculations on the board

'We realized that he knew nothing about English or math'

Fusil had erased one of them and had written the numbers '555-2126' in its place. I couldn't believe it, but that figure proved the theory for me. There was a silly rumor that he was actually writing down a girl's phone number, but I don't buy it. What were the chances?"

The same as getting a perfect college entrance score by chance, some professors say.

Now the Cerebrus Prize committee is trying to determine whether Fusil's medical discovery is legitimate.

"I discovered that hanging upside down alleviates all headaches," said Fusil. "I was climbing a tree to look into the girl's dorm when I slipped. All the blood rushed to the head as I dangled on a branch, then saved me from getting a headache when, a moment later, I actually fell on a rock. The fact that it was an accident doesn't make my discovery any less valid. Some of the greatest scientists have accidentally made history, like Picasso and Mozart."

"I'm crossing my fingers for him," said professor Perry. "I don't think he's the World's Worst Genius. I prefer to think of him as the

WWN HOROSCOPE

BY MADAME MALISA

Renowned medium & psychic

Jan. 1 – Jan. 8

Your weekly star guide

Readers all over the country are using Madame Malisa's Lucky Lottery [illegible] them win big [illegible] to find your [illegible] simply look [illegible] your birth [illegible] If you need [illegible] for the lottery [illegible] your birthday [illegible] numbers, drop [illegible] listed last.

YOUR LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS

ARIES	49, 16, 42, 26, 31, 27
TAURUS	29, 48, 17, 47, 22, 23
GEMINI	40, [illegible], 11, 28, 3
CANCER	[illegible], 46, 13, 42, 3, 19
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SCORPIO	15, 20, 29, 36, 18, 8
LIBRA	3, 46, 37, 48, 13, 27
[illegible]	[illegible], 34, 14, 9, 7
[illegible]	[illegible], 11, 28, 39
CAPRICORN	[illegible], 1, 7, 16, 32, 8
AQUARIUS	20, 41, 21, 19, 49, 4
PISCES	[illegible], 25, 22, 11, 5

You're out and you know

[illegible] your friends, your family, and your [illegible] will not how hot you are. You will

ARIES

Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

This is a week for deep contemplation. You'll find yourself quiet and thinking about your spirit and place in the world. Indulge the moment when it comes to you all too rarely.

Feed your soul with information from books or clergy and then share your conclusions with friends. Their reactions will be a surprise and provide some unexpected comfort.

Embrace it and them.

TAURUS

Apr. 20 – May 20

A new year means it's time to get your home in order. Put away the decorations and then give the home a thorough cleaning to set the tone.

Do not undertake this task by yourself.

Don't let problems mount. Tackle them as they arise, or it will be a difficult winter. At first you may feel overwhelmed, but you can handle it.

Seek help if you feel overwhelmed.

GEMINI

May 21 – June 20

Someone will make an offer, and it will be very tempting, but make certain you understand the ramifications. If there are uncomfortable strings attached, feel free to say no.

If things sound genuine, then it could improve your life and is worth accepting.

Do not let this offer distract you from work. This, too, requires your attention this week and should not be ignored.

CANCER

June 21 – July 22

Before accepting new responsibilities or new debt, take care of all outstanding obligations. Get the bills paid, check your work flow and be certain you're ready before saying yes to any new purchase or commitment. But once you accept, give it the attention it deserves, or there will be trouble over the summer.

Consult your partner along the way since what you decide will affect all those around you.

LEO

July 23 – Aug. 22

Your take-charge personality will be confused as you endure a series of awkward encounters. Don't look out because there could be trouble lurking, except the circumstances because they will be temporary ones.

When they pass, go out and treat yourself.

It is a good time for you and your partner to laugh together. You both will need it.

VIRGO

Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

A veil is lifted from your eyes and your heart, and the world suddenly begins making sense to you. Everything you've been surrounded by will gain focus and point out a direction for your life and career.

This new direction should be followed because you have been preparing for this moment. Do not heed the negative tone of your friends.

One reaction, in particular, will be a surprise.

LIBRA

Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

It's a work week, and you need to concentrate on your affairs. Make sure you have the desk organized and the calendar prepared for the coming year.

It is OK to ask your family to let business take priority. Take a chance on a deal or partnership that has been long developing. You're inclined toward the movement, so go for it.

The time is right for your career to move forward under your direction.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

Lighten up and have a good week. It's been a while since you had one.

Indulge in a little whimsy at work; maybe try someplace new for lunch. Bring along someone you don't normally spend time with. This may bring some opportunities.

Surprise your friends or family with an outrageous outfit and show off your playful side. The reactions will be well worth it.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Family will preoccupy you this week and give them the attention they need.

Your helping hand will be rewarded in the times to come.

Take comfort in being needed, but be certain you allow yourself time to rest and recover as well.

This is a good week to eat especially healthfully.

This week may feel oppressive, but dress to cheer yourself up.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

The end of the year heads toward the weighed, and you will be surprised at the breakthroughs you make at work. Make certain others know of your progress. That will be important later.

Much the same will happen with existing relationships, but leave yourself open for the chance to make a new friend or lover.

Be careful when a Pisces gains prominence in your life.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

This may be a trying week, but things will slowly improve with each passing day. Take note of this and use it to get through the rough patches. Prayer along will be an essential survival tool.

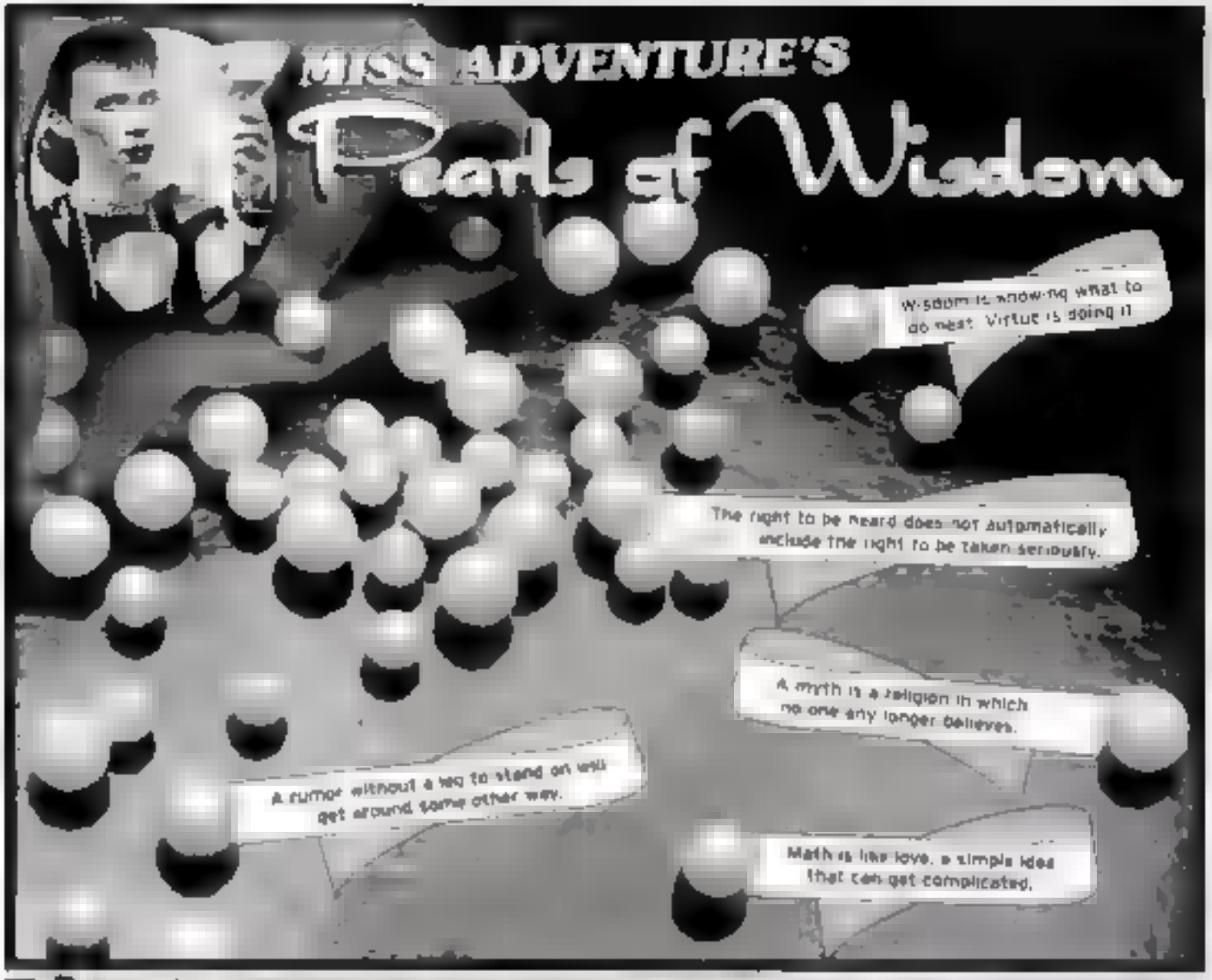
Make certain you give work and home equal attention despite the temptation to blow off business for the sake of holiday fun. Do not lose sight of the importance of your family or your strength.

PISCES

Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

A month of holiday partying will take its toll, and your health will suffer. Use your time in bed to reflect on the good and bad, especially resolving what you will do differently in the New Year. Apply this to work, home and family — neglect nothing.

Accept the help of friends, so you have the strength to recuperate completely. Be prepared to reciprocate in the weeks ahead.



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MY AMERICA

BY ED ANGER

THE NAME OF THE GAME IS... GREED!

I'M ANGRIER than a honey bear in a swarm of bees now that I've had a chance to observe the lengths some folks will go to 'keep up with the Joneses,' especially in the name of 'fun.'

This Christmas season has shown us once again that corporate greed coupled with planned obsolescence has a stranglehold on our nation's youth in the form of videogames.

I'm not talking about how violent the games are. That in itself doesn't trouble me. After all, it was the generation that grew up on violent TV westerns that took to the streets to protest Vietnam. No, I'm talking about the lengths people will go to get these games — and more importantly why they want 'em so bad.

WHAT happened to the good ole days when kids played outside?

When two companies released major upgrades to their systems — Sony's PlayStation 3 and Nintendo's Wii — just prior to Thanksgiving, naturally, people went plumb nuts to get one. (Even though, it turns out, not all their older games can be played — information that was withheld until the frenzy was at its peak.)

Due to manufacturing problems, demand far outweighed supply. Millions of units were wanted to be the first to play these new models. Others wanted to resell them for a quick profit on eBay. A number of corrupt folks used the opportunity to systems at gunpoint.

Waiting in line for a major event like a concert or movie for a couple of hours is fine but waiting days to drop $500 to be first on your block to acquire a *toy*? I don't get that any more than I get the 'gamer mentality.'

In my day, we played in the backyard, and with a little imagination, we could be anyone we wanted to be. Whether we were Tarzan or Hopalong Cassidy, we got fresh air and exercise as we chased each other around. These modern gamers sit for hours in front of consoles where the only part of their body that gets a workout is their digits. Not that there's anything inherently wrong with that. What's bad is when they do it to the exclusion of all else.

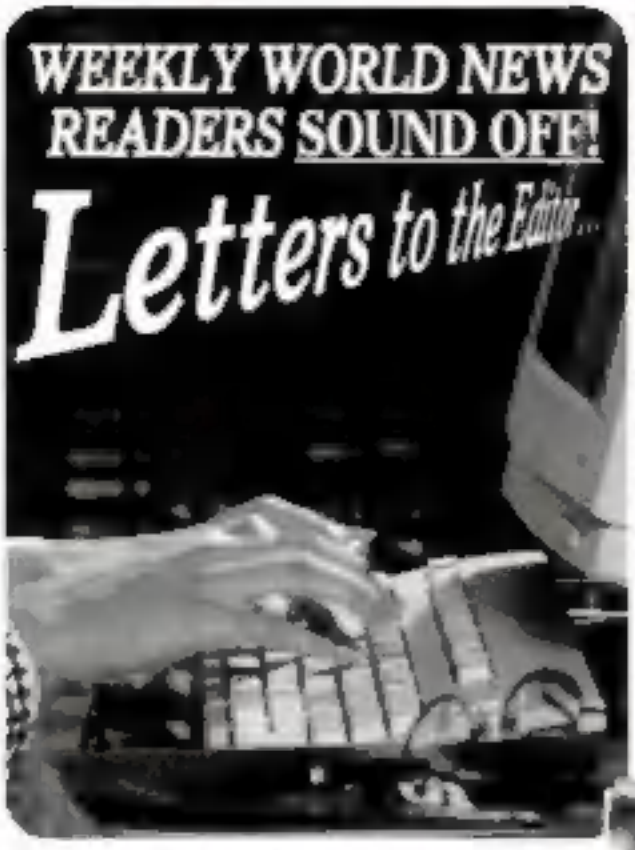
Doctors tell us that today's youth are obese. And socially girls they know raid tombs.

If parents taught their children moderation and strictly limited the amount of time allotted to gaming, kids might want to pursue truly creative outlets — like painting or writing or dancing. Not only would their minds be stimulated but children may be better suited to succeed in the 'real world.' They'll have to respond to situations that require thinking and verbal ability. Right now, all the generation of videogamers will be good for is creating new videogames — or joining the military.

A quick word of advice to gamers. This is more than just the gift-giving, gift-buying, game-playing time of year. It's a time for another form of recreation. You want action? Nothing says 'game play' like a good old fashioned snowball fight!

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS READERS SOUND OFF!

Letters to the Editor...



DEAR EDITOR: I used an ATM at this strange bank in Vegas. Instead of dispensing my cash I got a printed message saying, "Are you sure you wanna withdraw that twenty?" I tried withdrawing again and the ATM printed out, "Can I borrow a ten?" The machine pushed a few more of my buttons before I went looking for another bank. Have you ever heard of such a weird machine?

– Justin O'Grady, Eloy, Ariz.

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Actually, we have. Vegas has these machines where people put money in and usually get nothing out!

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Dear Editor: My town had been under a tornado watch all week. I was on the couch the other day reading the Weekly World News and started wondering 'What's worse than a tornado?' Well, I looked out my window just as the real tornado hit and I got my answer. The tornado ran right through the knife factory in the middle of town and began gutting the rest of the community. Man, that was a lot worse!

– C. Wilker, Merriam, Kan.

Talk about a knifing wind!

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Dear Editor: Thirty years ago I got lost while hiking and stumbled upon a secret military base near Rifle really tall rock. There were many flashing lights like a rock concert and the troops were being entertained by singing flying saucers. I think my story would make such a great movie! Am I the first to suggest an encounter like this for the big screen?

– Bo Evers, Devil's Tower, Wyo.

Not even 'close.'

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Dear Editor: My former wife and I (we're pop stars – OK, well, she is) loved spending quality time with our kids. Now that I'm flying solo I want to go out at night while I can still meet women (before they forget who I was). Thing is, I get custody of the kids some weekends. A friend recommended this family-friendly bar that has VIP high chairs and 'bottle service' for babies, too! Have you ever heard of anything like that?

– K.F., Hollywood, Calif.

No. But it sounds like a good second-career step for you.

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Dear Editor: I'm concerned that my plants don't die of natural causes. I'm no "Harvard" scientist, but I know that plants don't usually burst into flames. I had them on the frosty windowsill, then one day I came home and they were burnt to a crisp. Are sunflowers known to self-combust?

– Tina Goliath, Baltimore, Md.

Only when they come in matched pairs.

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Dear Editor: My grandparents accidentally burned my

DEAR EDITOR: My chickens and my grill have all gone missing. I saw something saucer-like land in my field. It had a strange orange glow inside it. Either aliens have abducted my poultry, or my animals are revolting. I just wanted to warn people that this was going on.

– C. Sanders, Hickory, N.C.

DEAR EDITOR: I'd finally put an end to these annoying calls from telemarketers but now I'm being harassed by something much worse: telepathic marketers! I'll have to admit, it's pretty amazing: they call when they know I'm home making dinner. Of course, if they were really good telepaths they should know not to call 'cause they're going to get a piece of my mind!

– Meredith Walker, Palm Bay, Fla.

Our resident psychic, Madame Malisa, points out that a real telepath wouldn't use the phone but would blanket the neighborhood with brain waves. She says that this technique is

Letter of the Week

DEAR Editor: I [illegible] the stunning mermaid press [illegible] on your Web site and I can't believe how many thousands of fine mermaids have gotten caught in fishing nets. I love tuna melts, but they're not worth trapping all the "fish in the sea." But mermaids aren't the only endangered women I support. I'll never forget the night I [illegible] my [illegible] attractive bunch of birdmaids. Come it it wasn't for me, all those beautiful creatures would still be locked in cages!

Business had never been better and I ended up [illegible] in Atlantic City. On my first day there I was [illegible] a slot machine, after tossing back a few, when these dazzling, six-foot-tall, half-bird women started bringing me drinks. Their heads were elaborately feathered, and their tail [illegible] were in full display as they strutted around.

Three hours passed. The parading mama birds kept bringing me drink after drink. I stayed in the same seat so they could find me easily, but I was more worried about them getting in trouble over all the free drinks. I figured someone would eventually notice. And sure enough, the guy on the slot machine next to me had a problem with the special attention he received. He'd been sitting there a while without winning or getting served and he was about to go nuts.

A birdmaid named Lisa came around again and the guy started screaming at her. The chick looked at me and I knew she needed help. Unfortunately my legs were still from sitting all day and I failed to get up in time to stop the guy's unwanted [illegible]. Lisa had a [illegible] and let him have it, but the unchivalrous guy let her have it even harder and knocked her out. The other birdmaids caught sight of the struggle and quickly converged on the scene. Led by a gorilla of a man, the maids and I started scrapping with the guy. Feathers were flying everywhere as more security arrived and finally pried everyone apart.

We were escorted [illegible] and held for immediate [illegible] by police. Thanks to [illegible] testimonies from the birdmaids, I was set free and told never to [illegible]. The birdmaids, however, were not so lucky. Everyone but me was cuffed and [illegible]. I tailed the police car in a cab and less [illegible] the entire gaggle of girls bailed [illegible]. Obviously, though I liberated the jail birds, I left the [illegible] gambler behind real [illegible].

Ultimately I lost everything I had and had nothing to show for it, but helping those birdmaids was worth it. I haven't gone back to see how they are doing because I'm afraid I might run off with them. I [illegible] why sailors sometimes fall for the 'siren' call of their finned counterparts and wish the mermaids all the best.

– Josiah Smith, Freehold, N.J.

house to the ground. Everyone ended up OK but, sadly, nothing was left standing – except the giant clock that we found my grandfather hidden in. Fortunately, he only suffered a couple mild 'strokes.'

– Henry Wark, Middletown, Conn.

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Dear Editor: I was in a cab headed uptown when a guy on a bicycle scratched the side of the taxi. My driver swerved and ran the negligent peddler off the road! I couldn't stand such hostility, so I asked the driver to drop me off at the next corner. I paid the man and lectured him as I exited the cab. "Two wrongs don't make a right," I said coldly. And as I closed the door he shouted back, "No, but three lefts do!"

– Jennifer Humphrey, New York, N.Y.

Sometimes a wise guy can be a wise guy!

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Dear Editor: I recently vacationed at this shabby resort in Mexico. This kooky man invited me to relax in the hot tub and I accepted. I was in the hot tub no more than five minutes when the man began tossing in onions and carrots. I made up some story about being allergic to onions and got out of there pretty quick. I'm not sure, but I think I was about to become stew cubed!

– Stu Stewart, Superland, Texas

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Dear Editor: I'm currently being sued by my home city of Gary, Indiana. They're trying to legally block me from using my wonderful name. I am counter-suing for all the pain and suffering this has caused me. I'm guessing the Supreme Court may end up having to decide this case, but I wanted you to be the first to know!

– Gary Indiana, Gary, Ind.

Thanks. Now that we know, you won't have to say it once again.

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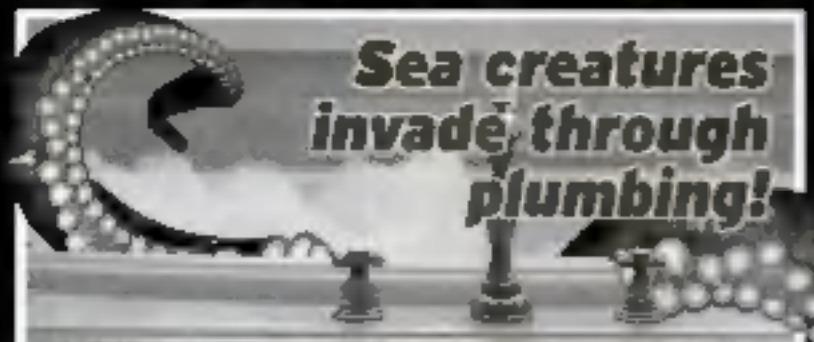

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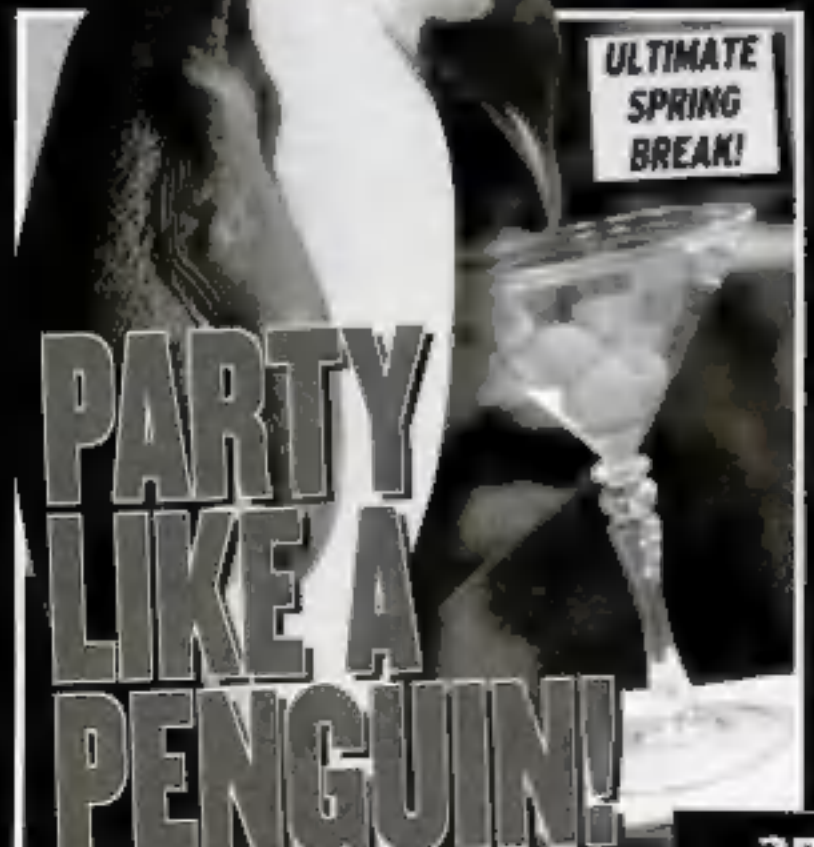

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